

USA - Washington

General Information

<p>Summary</p>	<p>Status: ETS under consideration</p> <p>Jurisdictions: Washington</p> <p>In 2008, the State of Washington adopted GHG reduction targets for 2020, 2035 and 2050.</p> <p>In 2017, the Washington Department of Ecology began implementing the Clean Air Rule to reduce emissions from industrial sources, petroleum fuel producers and importers, and natural gas distributors. Those responsible for at least 100,000 metric tons of GHG per year are affected. However, following a court ruling in December 2017, the compliance requirements are currently suspended.</p> <p>Covered facilities must reduce a cumulative 1.7% of their baseline emissions annually. They can comply by reducing their own emissions, buying credits from other regulated parties or from projects that reduce emissions, or by acquiring allowances from approved ETS programs. However, the Clean Air Rule is currently facing a legal challenge that is delaying implementation of the program.</p> <p>Recent changes to the legislature have renewed interest in putting a carbon pricing policy into law. On 9 January 2018, Governor Inslee proposed a USD 20 carbon tax for fossil fuels and electricity starting in July 2019, increasing 3.5% annually plus inflation. In addition, environmental NGOs have announced their intent to put a carbon pricing policy to a vote of the people in 2018 if the state legislature does not act.</p> <p>Clean Air Rule State of the State Address (2018)</p>																
<p>Overall GHG emissions (excluding LULUCF)</p>	<p>Emissions: 98.3 MtCO₂e (million metric tons) MtCO₂e (2015)</p>																
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<p>Overall GHG reduction target</p>	<p>By 2020: reduce emissions to 1990 levels.</p> <p>By 2035: reduce emissions 25% below 1990 levels.</p> <p>By 2050: reduce emissions 50% below 1990 levels or 70% below state's expected emissions for that year.</p>																
<p>Type of ETS</p>	<p>No information available yet.</p>																

Cap and trajectory	No information available yet.
Carbon Price	<i>Current Allowance Price (per t/CO₂e)</i> : No information available yet.

ETS Size

Emissions covered by the ETS	No information available yet.
GHG covered	No information available yet.
Sectors covered and thresholds	No information available yet.
Number of liable entities	No information available yet.
Point of regulation	No information available yet.

Phases & Allocation

Compliance period	No information available yet.
Trading period	No information available yet.
Allocation	No information available yet.

Flexibility

Banking and borrowing	No information available yet.
Offsets and credits	No information available yet.
Provisions for price management	No information available yet.

Compliance

Monitoring, Reporting, Verification (MRV)	No information available yet.
Enforcement	No information available yet.

Other Information

Institutions involved	Washington Department of Ecology
Linkage with other schemes	No information available yet.

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