

The Murphy Administration is committed to advancing equitable policies that limit emissions of climate pollutants and improve air quality, while building a clean energy economy that benefits all residents and protects our communities from the challenges of our changing climate. With the majority of the state's emissions coming from our transportation sector, we must focus on limiting emissions through climate pollutant reduction regulations and investment in clean transportation. It is especially critical that we reduce emissions in communities historically burdened by disproportionate amounts of pollution, which are also among the communities most vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change.

New Jersey has participated alongside sister states throughout the northeast and mid-Atlantic in evaluating the design of the Transportation and Climate Initiative Program (TCI-P), a regional effort intended to reduce vehicle emissions through a surcharge on fuel suppliers that would be reinvested in clean transportation programs. While New Jersey will not be an initial signatory state in the TCI-P, we will continue to evaluate its potential role in New Jersey's climate change mitigation strategy. Our analysis will continue to focus on whether and how TCI-P could play a role in addressing our state's unique transportation needs consistent with the Murphy Administration's commitments to equity, restoring our economy from the ravages of the COVID pandemic, electrifying the transportation sector, ensuring the resilience of our transportation infrastructure, and adding more good-paying green jobs for New Jersey's workers while improving environmental and public health outcomes in historically overburdened communities..

As New Jersey continues to evaluate and build upon our climate pollutant reduction strategy, the Murphy Administration is already catalyzing clean, equitable transportation through its investment of Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) auction proceeds according to its three-year [RGGI Strategic Funding Plan](#), which emphasizes investments in clean transportation with a special focus on pollutant reductions benefitting environmental justice communities. Additionally, the Department of Environmental Protection will soon release the first set of regulatory proposals under [New Jersey Protecting Against Climate Threats, or NJPACT](#), intended to modernize the state's environmental regulations in response to climate change as required by Governor Phil Murphy's [Executive Order 100](#). NJPACT aims to mandate emissions reductions through the adoption of a series of Climate Pollutant Reduction (CPR) rules to reduce emissions, the first phase of which will be proposed in early 2021.

Throughout the course of the Murphy Administration's work to reduce and respond to climate change, we will continue our practice of deeply engaging with stakeholders and communities, including in our continued evaluation of TCI-P and the upcoming regulatory proposals under NJPACT.