

What is RGGI?

The Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) is a regional emissions reduction initiative aimed at reducing CO₂ emissions, which contribute to climate change, from power plants in the region. The region includes 11 states in the northeast that all agree to participate in reducing CO₂ emissions through the initiative.

Participating states include Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, and Vermont.

The states set a cap on CO₂ emissions, which declines over time, leading to lower emissions across the region.

RGGI States



How RGGI Works

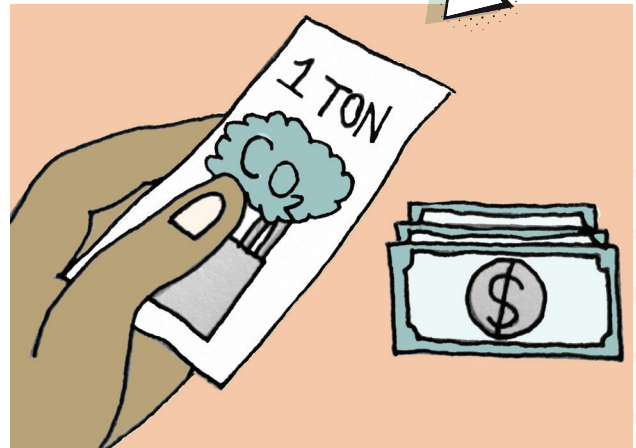
Participating states set a limit on CO₂ emissions.



Facilities that emit CO₂ must buy allowances that equal their emissions.



The RGGI states sell allowances and invest the funds from these sales into energy efficiency improvements, clean energy, bill assistance, and other programs to deliver benefits to their communities.



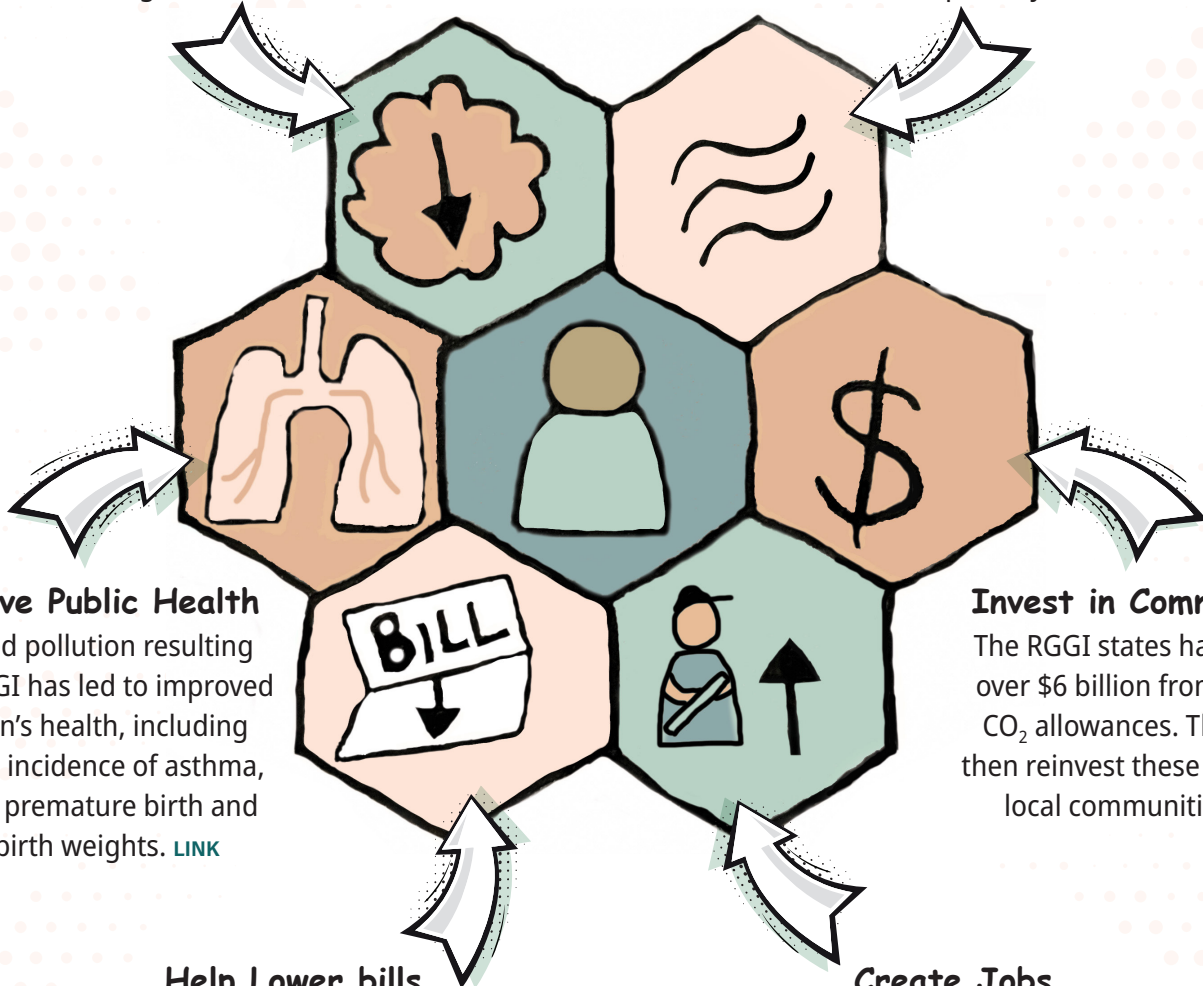
Benefits of RGGI To Date

Reduce Pollution

CO₂ emissions in the region have declined by more than 50% while the regional economy has continued to grow. [LINK](#)

Improve Air Quality

RGGI helps to reduce air pollution from fossil fuel power plants, leading to fewer premature deaths, heart attacks, and respiratory illnesses. [LINK](#)



Improve Public Health

Reduced pollution resulting from RGGI has led to improved children's health, including reduced incidence of asthma, autism, premature birth and low birth weights. [LINK](#)

Invest in Communities

The RGGI states have raised over \$6 billion from sales of CO₂ allowances. The states then reinvest these funds into local communities. [LINK](#)

Help Lower bills

Some RGGI states use a portion of the RGGI funds to provide direct bill assistance to residents, to reduce their electricity bills. In addition, over RGGI's history, average electricity bills have declined faster in the RGGI region than in the United States as a whole. [LINK](#)

Create Jobs

Independent reports from the Analysis Group have found that RGGI has added thousands of jobs to the region and generated \$5.7 billion in economic benefits. [LINK](#)