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## Programs of the Climate Action Reserve



Climate Action Reserve Monthly Newsletter

September 2009

- Quote -

**"The United States needs to set a very firm and clear example if we are to be successful in getting the other countries to be equally aggressive in addressing climate change."**

Sec. Gary Locke, Department of Commerce  
Reuters - August 24, 2009

### Upcoming Webinars

[September 10: Climate Action Reserve Software Training](#)

[September 15: California Climate Action Registry Reporting Orientation](#)

[September 16: From the California Registry to The Climate Registry](#)

[September 17: Special Topics Webinar on the Forest Project Protocol](#)

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### Climate Action Reserve Update

Account holders: 122

Total projects: 96

Welcome New Climate Action Reserve Account Holders

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## Letter from the President

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

September promises to be an exciting month for climate change developments. Kicking off the month, the Climate Action Reserve achieved a tremendous milestone in the adoption of version 3.0 of its Forest Project Protocol. I would like to express my sincere gratitude to members of the protocol workgroup, general public and Reserve staff for their tireless work and commitment. The protocol is the result of nearly two years of meetings, discussions and drafts and over 300 pages of public comments. I am proud of the pioneering role it will play in US forest offsets.

This week, Congress will return from recess, and the Senate is expected to resume work on the American Clean Energy and

Climate Action Reserve account holders represent a variety of industry sectors, including environment, finance and business. Our newest account holders joining in August include:

[E.H. Pechan & Associates, Inc.](#)

[Eneco Energy Trade B.V.](#)

Greenville Gas Producers, LLC

JP Traders, Inc.

[Macquarie, Inc.](#)

[Macquarie Bank Limited](#)

[Recology Environmental Solutions, Inc.](#)

[Southeast Carbon Management, LLC](#)

[United Parcel Service](#)

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Congratulations New Climate Action Leaders



[Farella Braun + Martel](#)

[Maersk, Inc.](#)

[Port of Oakland](#)

[River Partners, Inc.](#)

Securities Act later in the month. As anticipation looms for a potential Senate climate bill and a potential international climate agreement by the parties of the UNFCCC in Copenhagen, the Climate Action Reserve is pleased to provide a successful model for an offsets program that ensures the integrity, environmental benefit and financial value of greenhouse gas emissions reduction projects in the North American carbon market.

Later this month, watch for more milestone achievements from the Reserve. With the program quickly growing, we are constantly adding to the number of account holders and projects.

Warmly,  
Gary Gero  
President

## Climate Action Reserve Adopts Expanded and Updated Forest Project Protocol, Version 3.0

The Climate Action Reserve Board of Directors adopted the updated Forest Project Protocol (FPP), Version 3.0 during a special meeting on September 1, 2009. The updated FPP includes significant changes from the previous version of the protocol, including:

- Expanded applicability so the protocol may be used with projects throughout the U.S.
- Standardized requirements and improved guidance for estimating baselines for reforestation, improved forest management and avoided conversion projects
- An option for registering reforestation projects on lands that have recently undergone a significant natural disturbance
- Explicit requirements and mechanisms to ensure permanence of credited GHG reductions
- Improved requirements for more comprehensively addressing leakage
- Requirements and guidance for accounting for carbon in harvested wood products
- Refinement of the definition of "natural forest management"

To view the complete changes and updates, please visit the [Forest Project Protocol page](#) of our website.

## New Registered Projects in the Reserve

Projects in the Climate Action Reserve change status from "Listed" to "Registered" when they have successfully completed verification and been accepted by the Reserve. There are currently 14 Registered projects in the Reserve. Below is a summary of the three projects that attained Registered status in August. Please visit our website to [view the complete list of projects](#) (both Listed and Registered), and

[Terra Global Capital](#)  
[Trust for Public Land](#)  
[Waste Management](#)

[View all Climate Action Leaders](#)

[Employment Opportunities](#)

[Human Resources Manager](#)

[Senior Policy Manager](#)

[Program Assistant](#)

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APRIL 13-14, 2009

San Francisco, CA

**\*\*NAVIGATING THE AMERICAN CARBON WORLD ANNUAL CONFERENCE\*\***

Pre-conference events will

to see [Climate Reserve Tonnes \(CRTs\)](#) that have been issued.

Hernando County Landfill Electric Generation in Brooksville, Florida

Project Developer: Timberline Energy, LLC

Vintage: 2008

CRTs issued: 7,882

This landfill in western central Florida has been in operation for less than a year. Using the methane collected from the landfill it has the capacity to generate 1.6 MW of renewable electricity, most of which is sold to the local Withlacoochee River Electric Cooperative.

Butler County Landfill Pipeline Project in David City, Nebraska

Project Developer: Timberline Energy, LLC

Vintage: 2008

CRTs issued: 5,306

This landfill gas project employs direct use of the biomethane rather than combustion. The gas is piped to a nearby food processing facility where it is used to power their boilers and dryers, displacing extracted natural gas.

Robeson County Landfill in St. Pauls, North Carolina  
Project Developer: TerraPass

Vintage: 2008

CRTs issued: 12,019

Robeson County began exploring options for controlling methane from their landfill in St. Pauls, North Carolina, in 2006, with plans to pursue carbon credits to make it financially viable. The system came online last summer. Though they are currently flaring the gas to prevent its escape into the atmosphere, they are actively seeking end-users who can utilize the gas for industrial processes or electrical generation.

## Coal Mine Methane Project Protocol Development Nearing Completion

The Coal Mine Methane (CMM) Project Protocol is nearing the end of its development process and will soon be sent to the Reserve Board for consideration. The stakeholder-driven development process, which began back in February, has culminated with the release of the [draft Coal Mine Methane Project Protocol](#) for public review and comment.

The Reserve held a workshop in late August in Philadelphia, PA, to introduce the draft protocol to the public and provide an opportunity for feedback. The public is invited to submit written comments on the protocol through September 11, 2009 via the [CMM webpage](#).

In September, Reserve staff will work to address and incorporate the comments received, and then will present the CMM Protocol to the Reserve Board for adoption on October 7, 2009. Please visit the [Reserve website](#) to view the protocol, submit comments and learn more about the development process.

take place April 12.  
Details and registration  
information coming soon.

### Have an Idea for a New Emission Reduction Project?

Please visit the [Future Protocol Development page](#) of the Reserve website to submit project concepts for future protocol development and learn about the Reserve's protocol development process.

## Organic Waste Digestion Project Protocol Development Nearing Completion

The [draft Organic Waste Digestion Project Protocol](#) is available for public review and comment. The Reserve held a workshop in late August in Sacramento, CA to introduce the draft protocol to the public and provide an opportunity for feedback. The public is invited to submit written comments on the protocol through September 9, 2009, via the [OWD webpage](#).

In September, Reserve staff will work to address and incorporate the comments received, and then will present the OWD Protocol to the Reserve Board for adoption on October 7, 2009. Please visit the [Reserve website](#) to view the protocol, submit comments and learn more about the development process.

## The Climate Action Reserve in the News

- [BioCycle World: Organic Waste Digestion Protocol for Carbon Offsets](#)
- [Ecosystem Marketplace: Methodologies Tame Forest Carbon Jungle](#)
- [Climate Biz: Can U.S. Plan Entice Polluters Into Early Reduction of Greenhouse Gas Emissions?](#)
- [Greentech Media: California-Based Forest Carbon Offset Rules Go National](#)
- [Point Carbon: Climate Action Reserve Expands Forest Protocol](#)
- [American Forests: American Forests Applauds Approval of Updated Forest Project Protocol by the Climate Action Reserve](#)
- [Carbon Positive: California Forest Standard Goes National](#)
- [Environmental Leader: California Forest Carbon Credit Standards to go National](#)



### CENTER FOR CLIMATE ACTION News from the Center for Climate Action

Partnership with the Center for Climate Action offers many benefits, including Partners-only webinars, issue briefs, newsletters and access to a community of organizations that have demonstrated climate action leadership. As the Center for Climate Action grows, many more Partnership benefits will be added, including a calendar that tracks climate-related events, such as conferences, state workshops and important legislative and regulatory deadlines. As Partners-only webinars start at \$200 per event, Center Partnership provides tremendous value for the money with benefits extended to your entire organization. Visit [www.centerforclimateaction.org](http://www.centerforclimateaction.org) for the current program of activities and resources and to subscribe to the Center newsletter.

The Center for Climate Action is pleased to offer Reserve account holders a one-time, 50 percent discount on Center Partnership. Contact Laura Zahn ([laura@centerforclimateaction.org](mailto:laura@centerforclimateaction.org) or 213-542-0298) to join or for more information.

## CENTER FOR CLIMATE ACTION WEBINARS

The Center for Climate Action often hosts webinars open to the public. The webinars are organized into tracks and highlight thought-leaders, current developments in climate policy, and model programs that are effectively reducing GHG emissions. Please join us at our upcoming webinars:

- Business Series: Managing the supply chain  
[Thursday, September 17, 2009](#)
- Adaptation Series: Local strategies to minimize the consequences of climate change  
[Wednesday, September 23, 2009](#)
- Adaptation Series: State strategies to adapt to climate change  
[Wednesday, October 14, 2009](#)
- Adaptation Series: How and why is the insurance industry adapting to climate change?  
[Wednesday, October 21, 2009](#)

Please see the [Events page](#) of the Center website for more details and registration information on upcoming Center events.

## About the Climate Action Reserve

The Climate Action Reserve is a U.S. private nonprofit organization representing international interests in addressing climate change and bringing together participants from the government, environment and business sectors. It works to ensure environmental benefit, integrity and transparency in greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions accounting and reduction and progressive movement in GHG emissions policy nationally and in the Western U.S. The Climate Action Reserve is parent to three programs, the California Climate Action Registry, Climate Action Reserve and Center for Climate Action. As the subsequent organization of the California Climate Action Registry, the Climate Action Reserve continues building on the California Registry's reputation as a respected and internationally recognized leader in climate change issues.

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