
RGGI has reduced air pollution from fossil fuel power plants, generated $5.7 billion in economic benefits to the RGGI states, saved up to 830 lives and resulted in fewer asthma attacks, heart attacks and other illnesses.

The study was widely shared and reported in the media throughout RGGI states, including Vermont, Rhode Island, New Hampshire, Maine, Delaware, Connecticut, Maryland, Massachusetts and New York. RGGI is the first regional market-based carbon trading program in the United States.

The nine-state effort to curb carbon emissions has prevented 300-830 adult deaths, avoided 13,000-16,000 respiratory illnesses and staved off 39,000-47,000 lost work days for workers, according to the study.

Between the savings in health care costs and the restored productivity, Abt Associates says RGGI has saved participating states some $5.7 billion. That’s information RGGI supporters hope officials will factor in as they decide the future of the program.

Beyond the statistics are real people. I have asthma, and cleaner air means I don’t need as much medication just to breathe freely. Most of the time these days I leave my inhaler home in the drawer, while in past years I would always have to carry it in my pocket, ready at a moment’s notice. It’s a great feeling to know that my health has improved because of regional climate action.
RGGI has generated an estimated $66-148 million in health savings and other benefits for New Hampshire as a direct result of healthier families and workers. — NEW HAMPSHIRE UNION LEADER

The Abt study shows Connecticut has enjoyed major benefits to public health and productivity due to RGGI efforts, saving up to 34 lives, preventing 1,950 lost work days, and saving over $300 million in health care costs. — NEW HAVEN REGISTER

What is very intriguing to me however is that a program that is focused in on climate change and the climate pollution has generated so much positive health benefits. That means that not only is the carbon getting reduced from these power plants that the efficiency of the plants has gone up in such a way to reduce other harmful gasses, toxic emissions like mercury, soot that's related to fine particulate matter and acid rain, as well as the smog precursors that relates to the summertime haze that is a big powerful respiratory irritant. — WAMC NORTHEAST PUBLIC RADIO

Most people don’t recognize that the cost of the health impact of air pollution is part of the cost for electricity we use. We take it for granted that we have all this power, but we pay for it through health. — ABC NEWS 47

RGGI has never done its work in a bubble and will keep looking at what other states may or may not pursue. — E&E NEWS

A new study by Abt Associates finds that the nine member states of the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative...cut emissions two and a half times more than non-RGGI states while reaping $5.7 billion in benefits due to savings in health care costs and restored productivity. — CLIMATE ACTION ALLIANCE OF THE VALLEY

This report shows when you take important steps to clean up air pollution, especially from power plants, the air gets cleaner. As a result, we're all living longer and healthier lives...Think about how much more we could achieve if Virginia participated in a program like the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative. — ENVIRONMENT VIRGINIA BLOG

RGGI's economic and public health benefits and consumer energy bill savings have already greatly exceeded its costs by billions of dollars. — NRDC BLOG
The study was shared extensively on social media in the RGGI states and beyond, generating millions of impressions online.

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