

RGGI IMPROVES HEALTH IN THE NORTHEAST

New, independent study shows people in the Northeast avoid premature deaths, heart attacks, and respiratory illnesses



SAVING LIVES AND IMPROVING HEALTH

From 2009-2014, the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) has significantly reduced air pollution from fossil fuel power plants, improving the health of people living in the Northeast. Residents in this region are now experiencing significantly fewer premature deaths, heart attacks, and respiratory illnesses. RGGI is the first regional market-based carbon trading program in the US.

\$5.7

BILLION

RGGI has generated in health savings
and other benefits



300 to 830

**PREMATURE DEATHS
AVOIDED**



DRIVING HEALTH SAVINGS AND BETTER PRODUCTIVITY

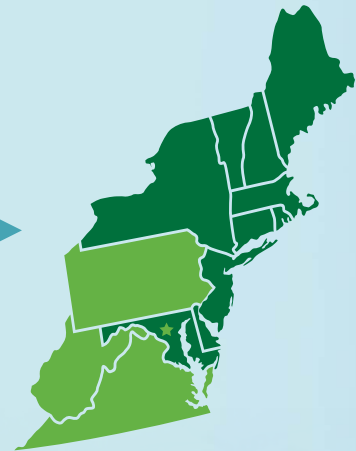
Improved health for children, families, and workers means that RGGI has generated health savings and other benefits valued at an estimated \$5.7 Billion. Northeast states now have a healthier workforce with fewer sick days and enjoy increased productivity. Every single RGGI state experienced improved health and economic benefits, which also extended to neighboring states.

Health Improved IN ALL RGGI STATES

Vermont, Rhode Island, New Hampshire, Maine, Delaware, Connecticut, Maryland, Massachusetts, New York and New Jersey*

ALSO IN NEIGHBORING STATES

of Pennsylvania, DC, Virginia, and West Virginia



*New Jersey participated in RGGI the first three years.

ABOUT RGGI

RGGI was launched by ten states in the Northeast to reduce carbon pollution, and has been an economic and environmental success. This comprehensive study highlights the benefits to human health and states' economies.

8,200+

ASTHMA ATTACKS
AVOIDED



39,000+

LOST WORK DAYS
AVERTED



Conducted by Abt Associates, this is one of the first studies to investigate the public health benefits to date of an existing multi-state, market-based carbon control program like RGGI. This independent report uses historical data to describe reductions of air pollution emissions. To read the full report, go to abtassociates.com/RGGI.