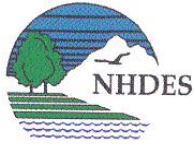


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Public Listening Session on Climate Change Action Plan September 18 in Manchester

Concord, NH - The Governor's Climate Change Policy Task Force will hold a Public Listening Session on the Climate Change Action Plan on September 18 from 6 to 9 PM in the PSNH Auditorium located at 780 North Commercial Street in Manchester. The task force is especially looking for input on actions relative to education, energy efficiency, renewable energy and transportation. The event is open to the public and businesspeople, homeowners, municipal officials, legislators and conservation organizations are all encouraged to attend.

The listening session will include remarks from Task Force members and a presentation by DES staff members that will provide an overview of the Task Force's process and its progress. The listening sessions offer New Hampshire residents an opportunity to provide the Task Force members with input regarding how New Hampshire can address climate change and energy issues in the future. The Task Force is especially looking for input on promising actions relative to education, energy efficiency, renewable energy and transportation.

DES has posted for public comment, on its Climate Change Action Plan website (<http://www.des.nh.gov/ard/climatechange/ActionPlan/>), each of the Action Reports that have been developed for consideration by the Task Force. At this time, there are over 100 actions that are under consideration by the Task Force and no determination has been made concerning which Actions will appear in the final Climate Change Action Plan, which is scheduled to be completed in December. The Listening Sessions have been scheduled in order to enable New Hampshire residents to inform the Task Force's deliberations by providing feedback regarding:

1. Which of the potential actions under consideration do they think are most promising and why;
2. What other potential actions should the Task Force should also be considering; and
3. What they feel are the best means to implement these additional measures.

For those who are unable to attend any of the scheduled events, comments may also be submitted via mail and email to Chris Skoglund, Energy and Transportation Analyst, at the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services, 603-271-7624 or Christopher.Skoglund@des.nh.gov.

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