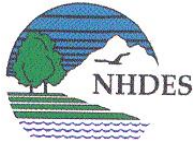


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## **New Hampshire Climate Change Policy Task Force To Hold Public Listening Sessions on New Hampshire Climate Change Action Plan**

Concord, NH - The Governor's Climate Change Policy Task Force will be holding a series of Public Listening Sessions around the state beginning on the Seacoast September 15 and ending in the North Country on September 29. The task force is especially looking for input on actions relative to education, energy efficiency, renewable energy and transportation. These events are open to the public and businesspeople, homeowners, municipal officials, legislators and conservation organizations are all encouraged to attend.

Each of the five separate events will be held from 6:00 to 9:00 PM and 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 central purpose of these Listening Sessions, however, will be to 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.

### **Schedule of Listening Sessions:**

**September 15      Seacoast Science Center      6 to 9 pm**

570 Ocean Blvd., Rye

#### **Interactive Video Networked Locations:**

UNH, Entertainment Center, Memorial Union Building, 83 Main Street, Durham

Seacoast Professional Development Center, 30 Linden St., Exeter

Timberlane Regional Middle School, 44 Greenough Rd., Plaistow

- September 18**      **PSNH Auditorium**      **6 to 9 pm**  
Public Service of New Hampshire, 780 North Commercial, Manchester
- September 25**      **Heberton Hall**      **6 to 9 pm**  
Keene Library Annex, 76 Winter Street, Keene
- Lebanon Opera House**      **6 to 9 pm**  
51 N. Park Street, Lebanon
- September 29**      **North Country Education Services Center**      **6 to 9 pm**  
300 Gorham Hill Road, Gorham
- Interactive Video Networked Locations:**  
White Mountain Community College  
53 Technology Lane, Conway  
Lin-Wood High School  
72 Linwood Drive, Lincoln

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](mailto:Christopher.Skoglund@des.nh.gov).

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