



# Task Force on Global Warming

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## **Governor's Task Force Reaches Agreement on Key Elements of Global Warming Strategy**

MADISON – Today, Governor Jim Doyle's Task Force on Global Warming voted on emission reduction targets and key recommendations to address global warming in Wisconsin. The Task Force, comprised of a variety of environmental, industry and utility leaders and other stakeholders, will forward the recommendations in a final report to be delivered to the Governor in late July.

"I want to thank the many members of the public for their thoughtful comments, and all the members of the Task Force and the participants in our workgroups for their extraordinarily hard work, dedication and their willingness to compromise for the greater good, in taking on one of the biggest challenges of our time," said Roy Thilly, Global Warming Task Force Co-Chair. "With the broad-based support achieved, I am confident that our recommendations will enable Wisconsin to meet the challenge of climate change, while mitigating costs for consumers as best we can, protecting our economic base, and taking advantage of the job and business opportunities that will be created by our recommendations."

"I am both very pleased and proud of these recommendations," said Tia Nelson, Global Warming Task Force Co-Chair. "This agreement will position Wisconsin as a national leader on climate change policy. It will substantially increase the state's investments in renewable energy and energy efficiency, which is a critical first step in addressing this urgent topic."

The Governor's Task Force on Global Warming agreed on a group of targets to reduce greenhouse gas emissions to 2005 levels by 2014 and 22 percent below 2005 levels by 2022. The long-term target is a 75 percent reduction below 2005 levels by 2050.

Today's vote addressed some of the most critical climate change policies, including energy efficiency, car tailpipe emissions, renewable energy, bioenergy, and cap and trade. A final report containing all of the Task Force's recommendations will be finalized and issued to the Governor toward the end of July.

Governor Doyle signed Executive Order 191 to create the Task Force on Global Warming to bring together a prominent and diverse group of key Wisconsin business, industry, government, energy and environment leaders to examine the effects and solutions to global warming in Wisconsin. Using current national and local research, the Task Force analyzed possible solutions to global warming challenges that pose a threat to Wisconsin's economic and environmental health. The Task Force is

charged with creating a state plan of action to deliver to the Governor to reduce Wisconsin's contribution to global warming.

To see the strawman addressed at today's meeting, for more information on the Governor's Task Force on Global warming, or to make comments, please visit the Task Force website at:

<http://dnr.wi.gov/environmentprotect/gtfgw>.

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