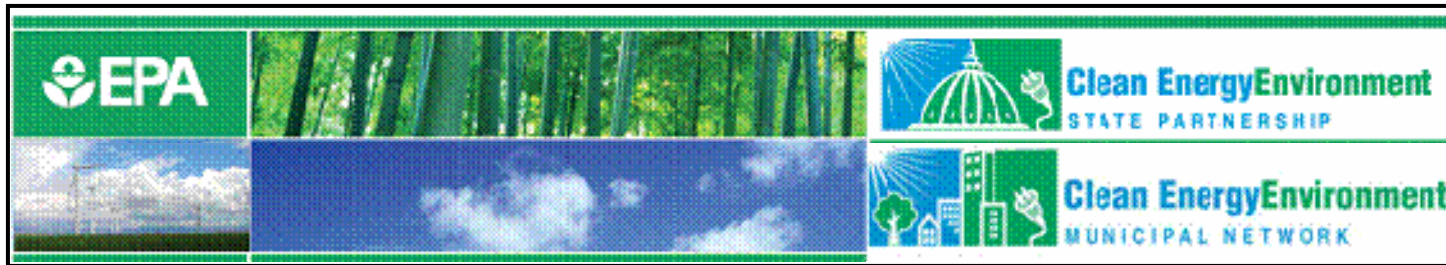


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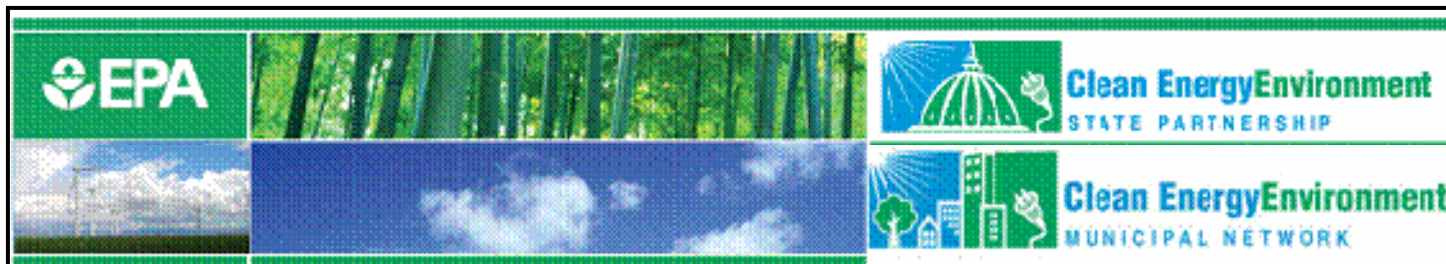
# Greenhouse Gas Inventory 101

## Session 1: Creating an Inventory

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# Welcome and background

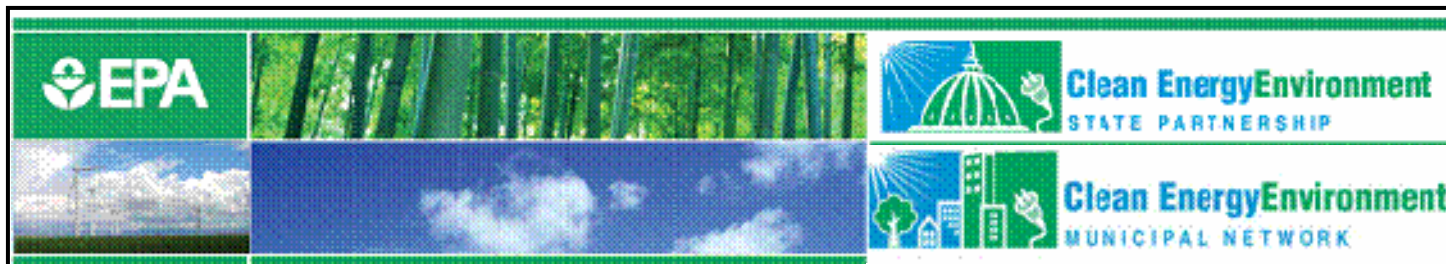
- Clean Energy Environment Programs
  - Promote cost-effective clean energy strategies that achieve environmental, energy, public health and economic benefits
    - Clean Energy Environment State Program
    - Clean Energy Environment Municipal Network

[www.epa.gov/cleanenergy/stateandlocal](http://www.epa.gov/cleanenergy/stateandlocal)

Additional inventory expertise on the phone today

- ICLEI — US EPA Climate Leaders — Energy Star
- USCM — US EPA National Inventory

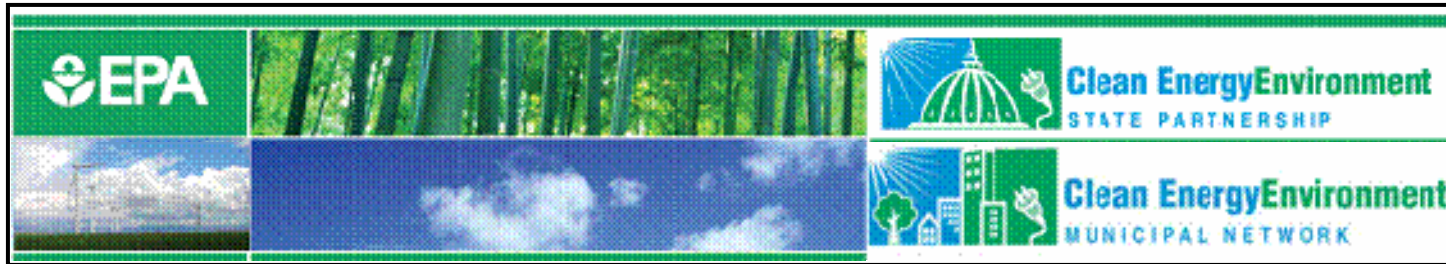




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## Session 1

- Audience:
  - Regional, state, and local government representatives.
- Goal:
  - Clarify and review fundamental issues related to inventory development.





## Outline

- Purpose of inventory.
- Inventory vs. registry.
- Setting boundaries.
- Scope.
- Quantification approach.
- Setting a baseline.
- Engaging stakeholders.
- Certification.
- Inventory results in context.
- Timelines and level of effort.

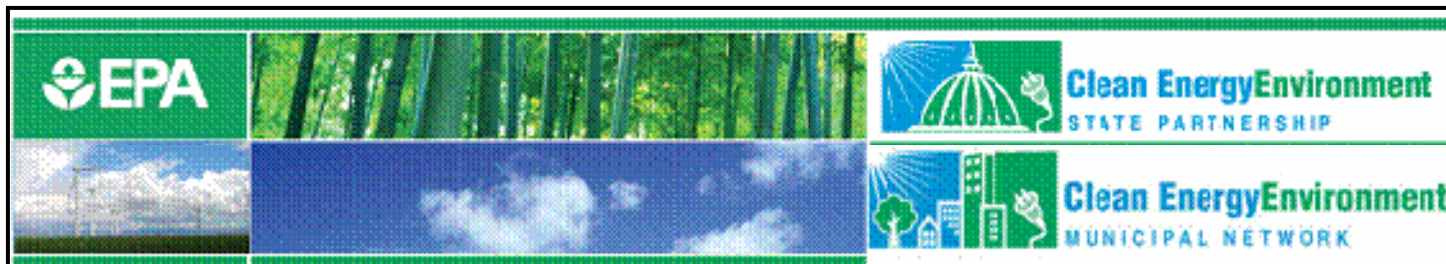




## Why prepare an inventory?

- To identify the greatest sources of GHG emissions within your geographic region.
- To understand emission trends.
- To quantify the benefits of specific activities that result in GHG emissions.
- To provide a basis for developing an action plan.
- To track progress at reducing emissions.
- To set goals and targets for future reductions.





## What kind of inventory?

- Multi-state.
- State.
- Regional. (e.g., MPO, COG, RPA)
- Local. (e.g., cities participating in the Mayor's Climate Protection Agreement)
- Corporate.
  - Entity-level.
  - Project-level.





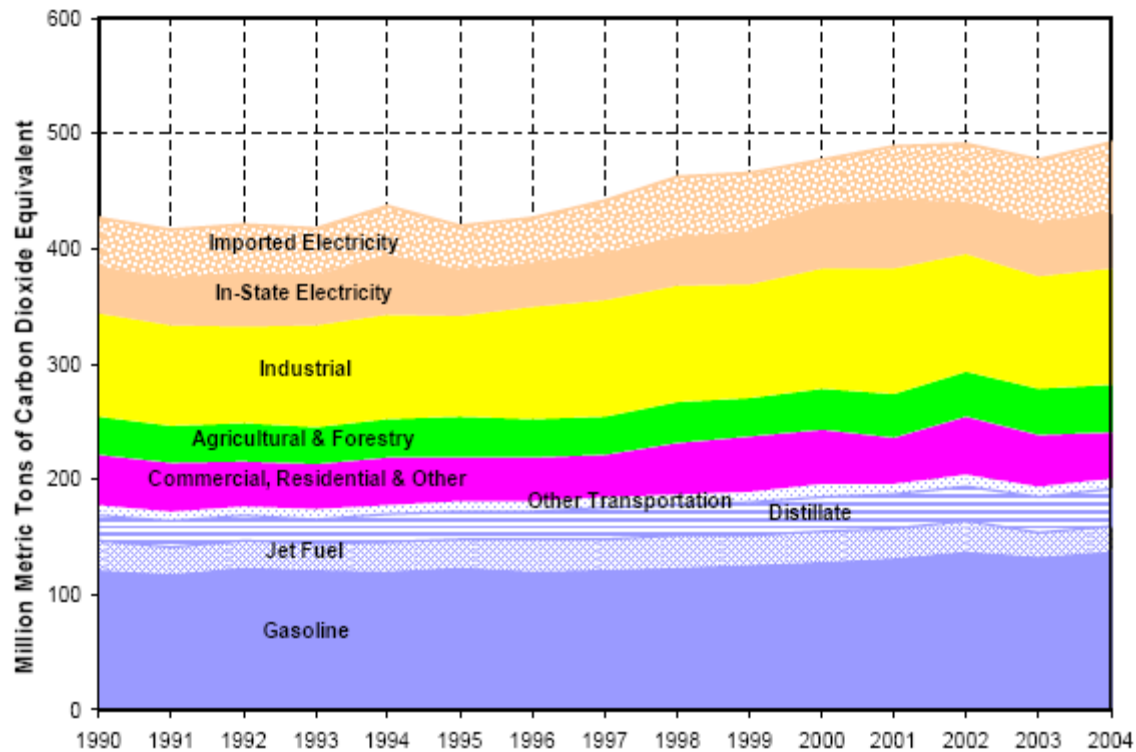
## Inventory vs. registry

- Inventory.
  - Accounts for GHG's emitted and removed from the atmosphere over a specific timeframe .
  - Transparent and easily reproducible.
  - Follows established accounting guidance. (e.g., IPCC, EIIP, WRI/WBCSD)
- Example: California GHG Inventory.
  - 5 Sources. (electric power, transportation, industrial, ag & forestry, and other)
  - 1990-2004.



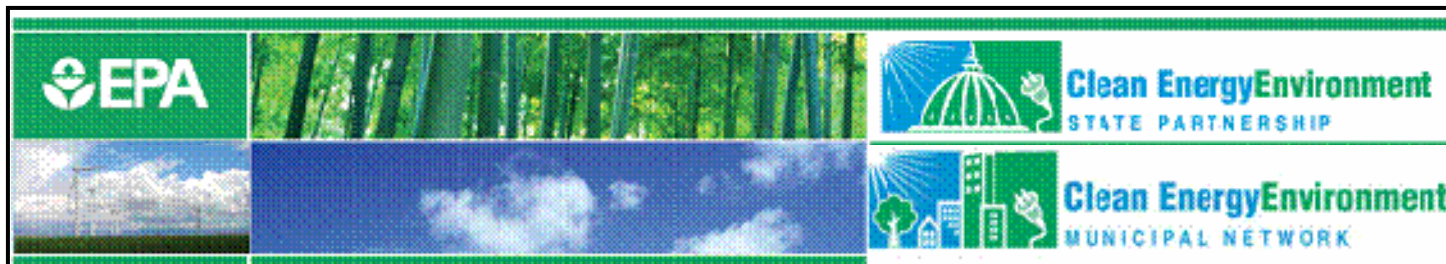
# Inventories quantify the magnitude of emissions by source and by gas

California's Gross GHG Emissions Trends



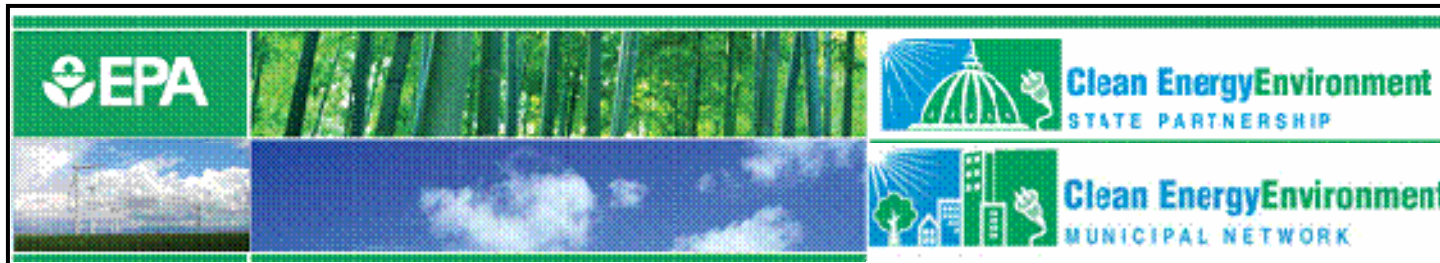
Source: CEC 2006





## Inventory vs. registry

- Registry.
  - An organized collection of inventories.
  - Records GHG emissions or emission reductions.
  - Scope. (which GHGs, which emissions)
  - Timing. (annual, periodic, one time)
  - Voluntary or mandatory.
  - Reporting level. (project or entity-level)
  - Degree of verification. (none, self, or 3<sup>rd</sup> party)
- Example: California Climate Action Registry
  - 301 total registry members.
  - Each member conducts/submits an inventory.



# Registry purpose drives design

Information Reported	Purposes			
	Inventory	Recognition	Limits	Credits
<b>Emissions</b>	yes	yes		
<b>Comprehensive Emissions</b>	yes	yes		
<b>Comprehensive Emissions relative to Baseline</b>	yes	yes	yes	yes
<b>Emissions Reduction</b>		yes		yes





## Physical and organizational boundaries

- Those within a certain geographic region.
  - the state of California.
- Those within a certain entity's control.
  - municipal operations in King County.
- Those associated with a particular project.

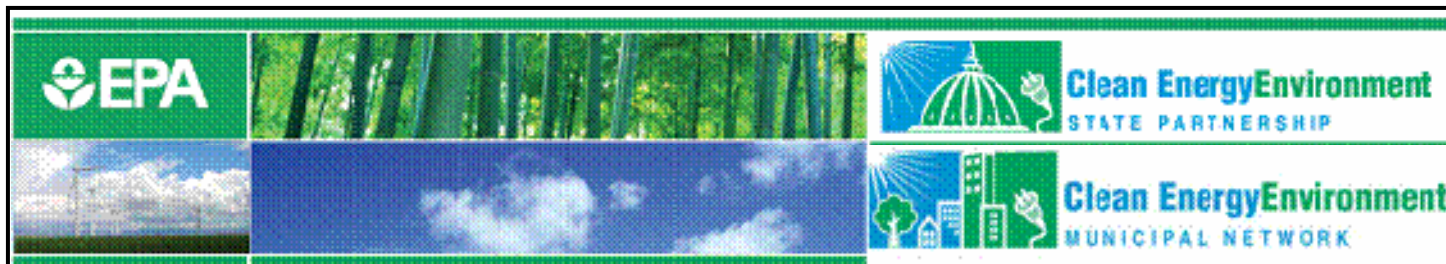






## Operational boundaries

- Choosing appropriate end-use sectors.
  - Municipal.
  - Commercial.
  - Industrial.
  - Residential.
- Direct v. indirect emissions.
  - Generated vs. imported electricity.
  - Waste management vs. exported waste.
  - Product use and supply chain-related emissions.



## Scope: Which sources should be included?

- Energy.
  - Energy Industries.
  - Transport.
  - Manufacturing Industries and Construction.
- Industrial Processes.
- Solvent and Other Product Use.
- Agriculture.
  - Enteric Fermentation.
  - Manure Management.
- Land-Use Change and Forestry.
  - N<sub>2</sub>O from Fertilizer Application.
- Waste.
  - Wastewater Handling.
  - Solid Waste Disposal.





# Scope: Which GHGs are included?

	National (IPCC)	States (EIIIP)	Cities for Climate Protection (CCP)
<b>CO<sub>2</sub></b>	yes	yes	yes
<b>N<sub>2</sub>O</b>	yes	yes	yes
<b>CH<sub>4</sub></b>	yes	yes	yes
<b>PFCs</b>	yes	yes	
<b>HFCs</b>	yes	yes	
<b>SF<sub>6</sub></b>		yes	



## Quantification approach

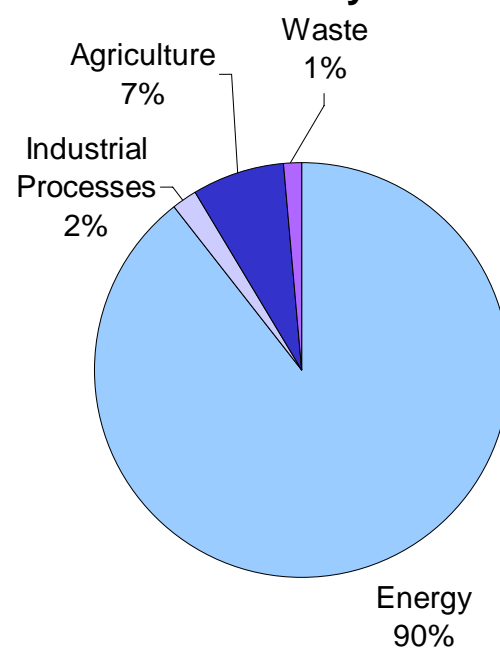
- Top-down.
  - Data compiled by some agency or office that attempts to provide information (e.g., fuel consumption) for specific geographic areas. (e.g., EIA's State Energy Data Report)
- Bottom-up.
  - Data representing end use information, pulled from utility bills or other locally provided sources of information.



## 80/20 rule

- Focus efforts on the “most important” sources.
- Sometimes only 20% of the effort is needed to quantify 80% of emissions.
- Focus on:
  - Energy use.
  - Transportation.

**New Mexico Inventory Year 2000**







## Setting a baseline

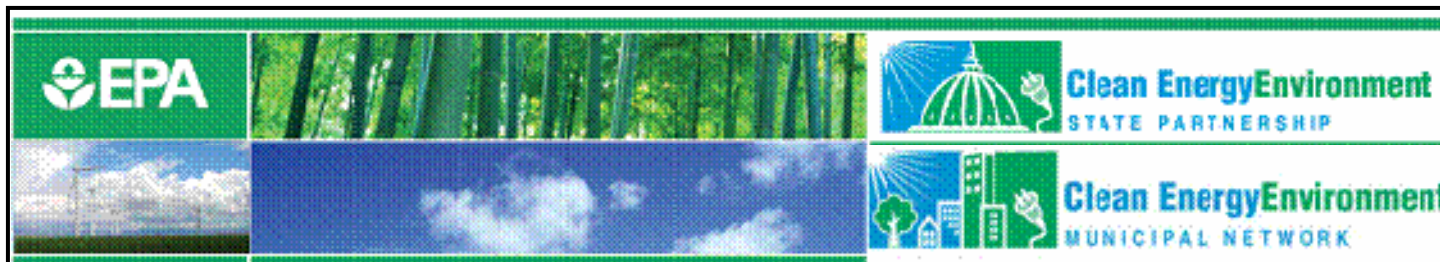
- Think it through!
  - How will baseline data be used.
  - Are there anomalies present in the baseline. (uncharacteristically high or low emissions)
  - How will regulatory or voluntary efforts proposed or in progress affect baseline and/or future emissions.
  - Will the baseline be compatible with baselines being used elsewhere.
- Level of disaggregation .
- Data availability.





## Engaging stakeholders

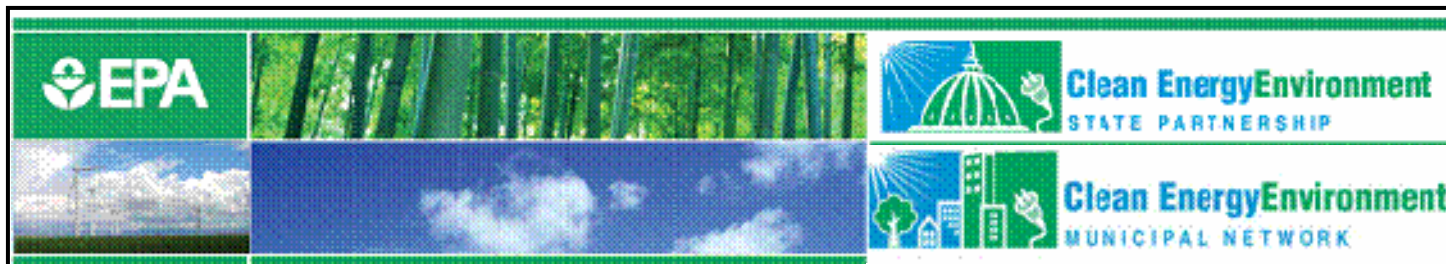
- Who is involved in establishing the baseline?
- How can they contribute?
  - Data, resources, outreach.
- How do you engage stakeholders?
  - Determine baseline year for projects, identify baseline and alternative technologies/practices.



# Inventory methods and tools

	Methods	Tools
<b>National</b>	2006 IPCC Guidelines for National Greenhouse Gas Inventories	U.S. Inventory
<b>State</b>	EPA State Inventory Tool  EIIP Guidance	State Inventory Tool (EPA)
<b>Local</b>	ICLEI Cities for Climate Protection (CCP) Guidance and Software	Clean Air and Climate Protection Software (STAPPA/ALAPCO, ICLEI and the EPA )  Portfolio Manager (EPA)
<b>Corporate</b>	WRI/WBCSD	GHG Emission Calculation Tools  Climate Leaders (EPA)





## Data issues

- Availability.
  - 1990 data is difficult to obtain.
- Quality.
  - Bottom-up v. top-down.
  - How is it collected.
  - Is it verified.
- Scale.
  - Entity-level, state-level, national-level.





## GHG inventory certification

- Certification: 3<sup>rd</sup> party review of methodology and underlying data.
- Purpose.
  - Ensure the inventory is of a high quality, that it is complete, consistent, accurate, and transparent.
- Certification protocols.
  - California Climate Action Registry *General Reporting Protocol*, version 2.2 (March 2007).
  - ISO 14064-1 (inventory) and 14064-3 (verification) standards .
  - Environmental Resources Trust, Inc.’s Corporate Greenhouse Gas Verification Guideline (CGVG).







## Inventory results in context

- Comparison to other state or local governments.
  - State summaries available on EPA website:  
[http://www.epa.gov/climatechange/emissions/state\\_ghginventories.html](http://www.epa.gov/climatechange/emissions/state_ghginventories.html)
- Order of magnitude checks.
- Climate Analysis Indicator Tool. (CAIT)



## Timelines and level of effort

- Timeline dependent on:
  - Data availability and vintage.
  - Reporting requirements.
  - Reduction commitments.
- Level of effort dependant on:
  - Resources. (human, and economic)
  - Data availability.
  - Level of detail. (number of gases, number of sources, level of disaggregation)
  - Data provided by key participants in region, state, and locality.
  - Adoption of 80/20 rule.



## Additional resources

### Greenhouse Gas Inventory Basic Information:

- <http://epa.gov/climatechange/emissions/index.html#inv>

### California Climate Action Registry:

- <http://www.climateregistry.org/ABOUTUS/>

### CCAR Protocol

- [http://www.climateregistry.org/docs/PROTOCOLS/GRP%20V2-March2007\\_web.pdf](http://www.climateregistry.org/docs/PROTOCOLS/GRP%20V2-March2007_web.pdf)

### Clean Air and Climate Protection Software (CACP)

- <http://www.cacpsoftware.org/>

### Climate Analysis Indicators Tool (WRI)

- <http://cait.wri.org/>

### Greenhouse Gas Management Institute

- [www.ghgnetwork.org](http://www.ghgnetwork.org)

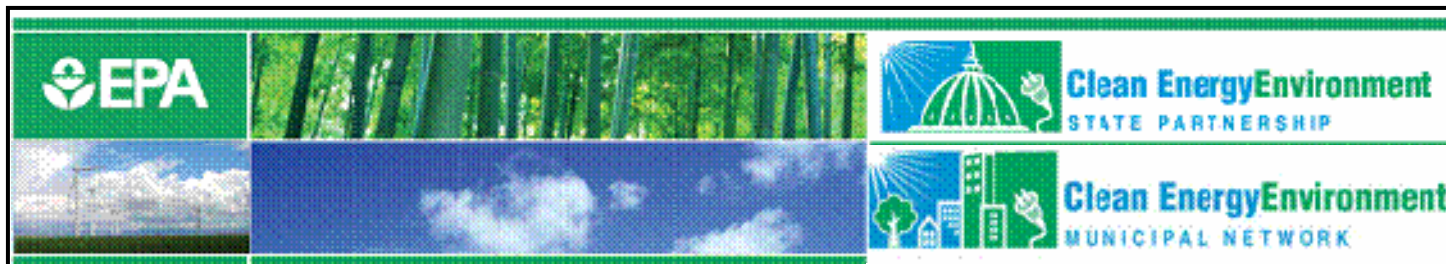
### Portfolio Manager

- [http://www.energystar.gov/index.cfm?c=evaluate\\_performance.bus\\_portfolio\\_manager](http://www.energystar.gov/index.cfm?c=evaluate_performance.bus_portfolio_manager)

### United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change

- <http://unfccc.int/2860.php>





# Coming up...

- **Second Session: Translating Inventory Results into Action**

2:00 – 3:30 PM

November 6, 2007

Topics will include describing the various uses of GHG Inventories including benchmarking, tracking progress over time, major source identification, target setting, exploring mitigation options, and action planning.

- **Third Session: State Inventory Tool (SIT) Training Session**

November, 2007; Date and time to be determined

EPA's State Inventory Tool is an interactive Excel-based suite of tools that assists with the development of a state-level greenhouse gas emission inventory. This detailed training for the SIT modules includes implementation of state data to assess GHG emissions by source and sector.

To register for these sessions, e-mail: [Inventory101@icfi.com](mailto:Inventory101@icfi.com)







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