

# Governor Statement on the President's Climate Change Action Plan

## *President Releases Plan to Cut Carbon Pollution*

Dover, DE – The following is a statement from Governor Markell in support of [President Obama's Climate Change Action Plan](#), announced today:

“President Obama’s common sense approach will help address climate change, improve air quality, and help Delaware’s economy by supporting manufacturing and construction jobs,” said Delaware Governor Jack Markell. “Over the past few years, Delaware has reduced emissions more than any other state in the nation by cleaning up dirty power plants and replacing them with cleaner natural gas plants, renewable energy facilities, and energy efficiency. [\(Today we dedicated one such facility in Dover\)](#). It is time that we saw other states – states whose facilities hurt our air quality – make the same kind of improvements.”

“As low-lying coastal state, Delawareans have seen the devastation caused by extreme weather events and know that the cost of taking the strategic steps laid out by the President today will be a fraction of the costs of inaction. We know that we cannot address this challenge alone and we will now have a full federal partner in our effort to protect our state.”

“The President’s plan also aligns perfectly with the leadership of the states participating in the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI), which has demonstrated that reducing carbon pollution can be done cost-effectively and produce cost-savings and construction jobs through investments in energy efficiency. By leveraging the ongoing work in

Delaware and throughout the east coast, the President will help strengthen local economies today and ensure that we pass on a healthy planet to future generations. We applaud him for his leadership.”