



# Executive Order 57

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- “Electric sector is still responsible for approximately 30 percent of the carbon dioxide pollution in the Commonwealth...”
- “Vital for Virginia to facilitate and engage in a dialogue on carbon reduction methods while simultaneously creating a pathway for clean energy initiatives...”
- “... I hereby direct the Secretary of Natural Resources to convene a Work Group, chaired by the Secretary, to study and recommend **methods to reduce carbon emissions from electric power generation facilities**. The Secretary shall receive input

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- In preparing their recommendations, the Secretary and the Work Group shall consider the following:
  1. *The establishment of regulations for the reduction of carbon pollution from existing electric power generation facilities pursuant to existing authority under Virginia Code § 10.1-1300 et seq.;*
  2. *The carbon reduction requirements for existing electric power generation facilities established under § 111(d) of the federal Clean Air Act, which are currently stayed pending final disposition;*
  3. *The interaction between electric utilities and regional markets, including PJM Interconnection;*
  4. ***The impact any reduction requirements place on the reliability of the electric system;***
  5. ***The impact any reduction of carbon pollution may have on electric rates and electric bills;***
  6. *The impact of reducing carbon pollution on low income and vulnerable communities;*
  7. ***The cost effectiveness of pollution reduction technologies that may be deployed;***
  8. *The economic development opportunities associated with deployment of new carbon reduction technologies;*
  9. *The implementation and administration of carbon reduction regulations; and*
  10. *Flexibility in achieving the goals of any carbon reduction regulation.”*

# Current Status

- Internal Working Group
- Multiple meetings will be held from Fall of 2016 through Spring of 2017
  - First meeting is to be held August 31
- Presentations from invited stakeholders related to the 10 considerations
- Some form of public comment
- Final report and recommendations will be made to the Governor by May 31, 2017