

# Re: Maine moves to cut greenhouse gases

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Melchizedek@USA.com (Psalm 110) wrote:

><http://www.pressherald.com/news/state/040619greenhouse.shtml>

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>Maine moves to cut greenhouse gases

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>AUGUSTA -- The Maine Board of Environmental Protection has approved

>the first of many rules expected to pass in an ongoing effort to

>reduce the statewide emission of greenhouse gases. ....

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>The law, which was approved by legislators last year, also set up a

>plan to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the state.

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>The rule is similar to laws on the books in California, New York,

>Pennsylvania, Maryland and Delaware.

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>The new rule should cost the average Maine consumer no more than 50

>cents per year, said environmental department spokeswoman Andrea Lani.

Hi,

About a decade ago someone claimed that Wisconsin was releasing less CO2 per capita than the US average, and thought we should pat ourselves on the back.

But a big factor in CO2 release is electric power production, and Wisconsin imports about 15-20% of the power it uses, mostly from plants in Illinois and Minnesota. Unless Maine decides to generate a lot of the power it uses from solar, wind or nuclear, they aren't likely to reduce the CO2 they produce by much.

It may cost 50 cents each to record the greenhouse gases they release, it will cost them a lot more than that to reduce the amount.

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