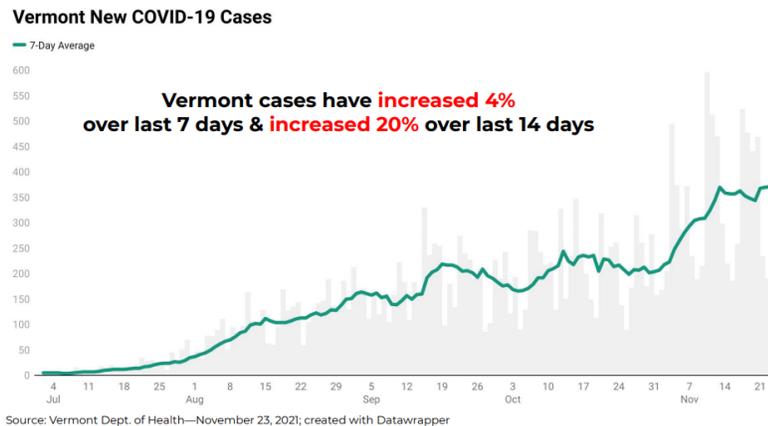


Government Affairs Committee

Vermont Act S.1. - Temporary Municipal Rules in Response to COVID-19.

With reported Vermont Cases at record highs, a special session of the Vermont Legislature was held on 11/22/2021 where Governor Phil Scott and the Vermont Legislature worked together to pass a bill allowing municipalities to enact mask mandates. Although the session did have include some legislative political posturing, the bill passed and was signed into law by Governor Scott on 11/23/2021. Details on the special session can be found at the following link:

<https://legislature.vermont.gov/Documents/2021.1/Docs/JOURNAL/hj211122.pdf#page=1>



Vermont Cases as Reported by the Department of Financial Regulation (11/23/2021)

Vermont Climate Council Update

The Vermont Climate Council has a deadline to publish the Vermont Climate Action Plan on 12/1/2021. The current draft of this plan, within the section of Cross Sector Mitigation Subcommittee on Transportation, calls for the State of Vermont to join the Transportation and Climate Initiative Program (TCI-P). Now that Rhode Island, Massachusetts, and Connecticut have recently pulled out of this regional initiative, it halts any immediate prospect that Vermont could participate in the program.

The Vermont Climate Council is regrouping and assessing alternate options for replacement of the TCI-P.

Vermont 2022 Comprehensive Energy Plan

The Public Service Department (PSD) released the draft 2022 Comprehensive Energy Plan (CEP) on 11/22/2021, approximately a month past the anticipated release date. In December, the Department will host five public hearings around the state to provide opportunities for in-person comment. Due to the on-going pandemic, the Department will also host additional online public meetings to provide more options for public input on the draft plan. For more information about times and locations for public hearings, or to learn how to register for online public meetings, refer to the following link:

<https://publicservice.vermont.gov/content/release-draft-2022-comprehensive-energy-plan>

The PSD will accept public comments on the draft CEP **until December 20, 2021**. Comments may be provided via email to “ PSD.ComprehensiveEnergyPlan@vermont.gov “, or snail mailed

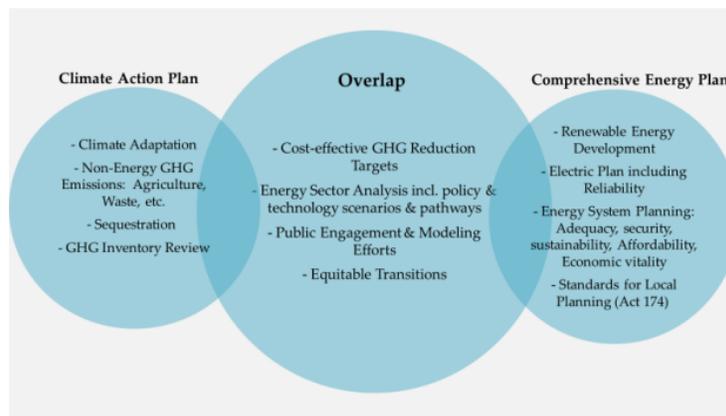
to the following address:

CEP 2022 Public Comments
c/o Vermont Department of Public Service
112 State Street
Montpelier, VT 05620-2601

The full report of the draft 2022 CEP can be found at the following link:

<https://publicservice.vermont.gov/sites/dps/files/documents/2022%20CEP%20Draft%20for%20Public%20Comment.pdf>

Exhibit ES-1: Comprehensive Energy Plan and Climate Action Plan



US Government Affairs Updates

(as reported by ASHRAE.org, partial topics listing)

Government Outreach

- ASHRAE Participates in a Panel at the United Nations COP26

Global Government Affairs

- United Nations Climate Conference Wraps Up For detailed information on the above

US Congressional Activities

- Congress Passes Infrastructure Bill
- Build Back Better – Budget Reconciliation Update

Federal Government Affairs

- Senate Republicans want more Transparency on the Calculations of Social Cost of Greenhouse Gases
- DOE & GSA Request Information on Technologies that Decarbonize Commercial Buildings
- DOE to Hold Appliance Standards Rulemaking Webinar

State and Local Government Affairs

- Seattle Announces New Building Performance Standards to Reach Net-Zero by 2050
- Proposed Washington, D.C. Bill Would Establish New Green Building Fund
- New Report from Clean Energy States Alliance on Planning for 100% Clean Energy
- Five Midwest States Announce New Regional Electric Vehicle Charging Network

- New Research Tracks State Public Health Legislation in 2021

For detailed information on the above topics, visit the ASHRAE Government Affairs Update website page at:

https://www.magnetmail.net/Actions/email_web_version.cfm?publish=newsletter&user_id=ASHRAE&message_id=21038063#State

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