

# CLIMATE CHANGE

\*\*Some of the regulatory summaries referenced from U.S. Northern Review publication.

## STATE

### FINAL:

**SB 323 REAUTHORIZATION OF GHG EMISSIONS REDUCTION ACT** SB 323 (Public Law: 11) repeals the termination date of the current requirement to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by 25 percent from 2006 levels by 2020. The bill also requires the state to develop plans, adopt regulations, and implement programs to reduce GHG emissions by 40 percent from 2006 levels by 2030. Finally, the bill requires the Maryland Department of Environment (MDE) to submit a report by 1 OCT 22, and every five years thereafter, on the progress toward achieving the 2030 GHG emissions reduction goal and the reductions needed by 2050 to avoid specified climate changes. The bill was signed by the governor on 4 APR 16 and becomes effective on 1 OCT 16.

## FEDERAL

### FINAL:

**STORMWATER MANAGEMENT IN RESPONSE TO CLIMATE CHANGE IMPACTS: LESSONS FROM CHESAPEAKE BAY AND GREAT LAKES REGIONS** USEPA announced the availability of the final report, [Stormwater Management in Response to Climate Change Impacts: Lessons from the Chesapeake Bay and Great Lakes Regions!](#) (81 FR 31633), which describes insights from USEPA and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) sponsored workshops with communities in the Chesapeake Bay and Great Lakes regions to address climate change in stormwater adaptation efforts.

**USEPA CLIMATE CHANGE ACCOMPLISHMENTS** USEPA released its [2015 Highlights of Progress: Responses to Climate Change](#) report. The report summarizes major climate change-related USEPA accomplishments of its national and regional water programs during 2015. The highlights were broken down across six vision areas: Water Infrastructure, Watersheds and Wetlands, Coastal and Ocean Waters, Water Quality, Working with Tribes, and Cross-cutting Program Support.

### PROPOSED:

**EVALUATING URBAN RESILIENCE TO CLIMATE CHANGE: A MULTI-SECTOR APPROACH** USEPA released the draft document, [Evaluating Urban Resilience to Climate Change: A Multi-Sector Approach](#) (81 FR 40302). USEPA scientists and their collaborators created an assessment tool to help cities identify climate change risks in eight different municipal sectors.

**GHG REPORTING RULE** USEPA issued a proposed rule amending the Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Reporting rule ([81 FR 2535](#)).

**GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS AND SINKS** The Draft Inventory of U.S. Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Sinks: 1990-2014 is available for review ([81 FR 8713](#)). For more information about the draft report, click [here](#).