

Maryland Commission on Climate Change
Scientific and Technical Working Group
Recommendations for the MCCC 2016 Report

- Methane emissions presently contribute only a small part of Maryland’s GHG emissions but actions should be taken to – Incrementally reduce methane emissions from major in-state sources (landfills, wastewater treatment, agriculture and natural gas distribution) to the degree practicable;
 - Account for out-of-state emissions associated with production and processing of natural gas consumed in Maryland; and
 - Potential natural gas production and transshipment in Maryland should have strict controls on emissions to avoid adding to the state’s methane emissions.
- Broaden economic impact analyses to better account for employment, human health and well-being, and environmental quality.
- Enhance GHG emission inventories to include duration of radiative forcing and presently unaccounted sources, including “natural” sources affected by human activities and management strategies.
 - Revise or fine-tune adaptation and response strategies in light of updated climate impacts assessment: – Incorporate probabilistic sea-level projections in coastal resilience planning; and
 - Take climate change into account in Chesapeake Bay restoration, while recognizing uncertainties of its effects on TMDL

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