The Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control (DNREC), Air Quality Management section will hold a public workshop to discuss a draft regulation (Regulation No. 1147) designed to establish Delaware's portion of a multi-state Carbon Dioxide (CO$_2$) cap-and-trade program. Anyone from the public is invited to attend.

The cap-and-trade program was developed by the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI), which is a cooperative effort among the states of Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Vermont, Maryland, Massachusetts, and Rhode Island. The purpose of the cap-and-trade program is to reduce the emissions of CO$_2$ from power plants. CO$_2$ is a greenhouse gas that contributes to global warming.

The purpose of the workshop is to educate the public and affected industry on the draft regulation, and to receive input to aid in the development of a formal proposal. At the workshop DNREC will cover the development background of the draft regulations, discuss what other states are doing, and review in some detail provisions and timing. The draft regulation can be viewed at our website [http://www.awm.delaware.gov/Info/Regs/Pages/RGGI.aspx](http://www.awm.delaware.gov/Info/Regs/Pages/RGGI.aspx), or it may be inspected at the Department’s offices located at 156 S. State Street, Dover, and 715 Grantham Lane, New Castle.

The workshop format will allow attendees to ask questions and make comments on the draft regulation. Based on these questions and comments DNREC may make revisions and then formally propose the regulations for adoption later this summer. The workshop will begin at 6:00 pm on August 7, 2008 in the Priscilla Building Conference Room located at 156 South State Street, Dover. For additional information please contact Valerie Gray, in Dover, at (302) 739-9402.