

Policy templates were developed using preliminary suggestions from World Resources Institute. Task Force Work Groups were provided the following list of [Draft Policy Options to Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions \[PDF 86KB\]](#) and a blank [Policy Template \[PDF 14KB\]](#) to begin their work. These suggestions were then built upon by the Work Groups through brainstorming activities and consideration of Wisconsin specific conditions. From these raw ideas the Work Groups then pared down the policies to a manageable number for Task Force consideration. The winnowing process considered:

- i) a rough estimate of greenhouse gas emissions
- ii) the timing of those reductions
- iii) rough estimates of administrative and other costs
- iv) identification of potential obstacles related to feasibility of adoption and implementation.

An effort was made to define each policy as specifically as was reasonably possible, so that it was clear what the Task Force was considering. However, emissions reduction and cost estimates were necessarily rough. While only some policies were modeled on an integrated, cross-sector basis, all policies were reviewed to refine costs and benefits and eliminate and overlaps.

The Work Groups were given the following benchmarks to use for analysis of the policies:

- A determination by each Work Group of the years by which its sector through aggressive action can first, stabilize emissions and second, reduce emissions to the 2003 WRI inventory level.
- A reduction to 1990 emission levels by 2020.
- A 60% to 80% reduction from 1990 emission levels by 2050.

Over time consideration of some policies shifted from one Work Group to another. Additionally, Ad-hoc Groups were developed to consider and address some cross-sector policies. Finally, some policies were revised and/or combined as part of the Task Force Co-Chairs Comprehensive Strawman Proposal.