



**Maryland**  
Department of  
the Environment

# GGRA Approach Beyond 2030

Mitigation Work Group Meeting

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# Agenda

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1. Welcome and Introduction from Secretary Grumbles (5 Minutes)
2. Public Comment (20 Minutes)
3. Looking Beyond 2030 – The GGRA Framework (15 mins)
4. Looking Beyond 2030 – Emerging Technologies (45 Minutes)
5. Looking Beyond 2030 – Discussion of Potential Goals and Future Policies (30 Minutes)
6. Other Business (5 Minutes)



# Goal for Today

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Discuss long-term (post-2030) approaches:

- Long-term goals
- Flexible/technology-neutral policies
- Role of goals & future policies in GGRA plan, in light of GGRA requirements



# Relevant Provisions in GGRA Law

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(c)(3) The plans shall be developed in recognition of the finding by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change that developed countries will need to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by between 80% and 95% from 1990 levels by 2050.



# Relevant Provisions in GGRA Law

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In developing and implementing the plans...the Department shall:

(8) Ensure that the greenhouse gas emissions reduction measures implemented in accordance with the plans:

(vi) Produce a net economic benefit to the State's economy and a net increase in jobs in the State.



# Iterative Process in GGRA Law

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2022: Independent Study on Manufacturing Impacts

2022: MDE Progress Report

Progress toward both 2030 goal and  
“reductions needed by 2050 in order to avoid  
dangerous anthropogenic changes to the Earth’s  
climate system”

After those: General Assembly may “maintain, revise,  
or eliminate” the 2030 goal and consider whether to  
continue manufacturing provisions.



# Long Term Challenges

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- Availability and cost of technologies in future is extremely uncertain.
- The GGRA requires positive economic impact despite current high estimated cost of future technologies.
- MDE tries to specify future policies as much as possible in GGRA; very tenuous beyond 2030.
  - Broader long-term goals without specified policies yet can play a positive role in long-term planning.



# Discussion today: Long-term Goals

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## **Example**: Recent Medium and Heavy Duty Zero-Emissions Vehicles Memorandum of Understanding (MHD ZEV MOU)

- Technology is becoming more widely available.  
(<https://globaldrivetozero.org/tools/zero-emission-technology-inventory/>)
- Coming down in cost: total cost of ownership for most MHD ZEVs will be lower than diesel within 5-10 years; policy support can accelerate that.  
([https://caletc.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/ICF-Truck-Report\\_Final\\_December-2019.pdf](https://caletc.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/ICF-Truck-Report_Final_December-2019.pdf))
- 15 states + DC set sales goals for 2030 (30%) and 2050 (100%); six month timeframe for action plan.





# Extra Slides

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## 2019 MDE Analysis: 80 by 50 (excerpt)

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*Full materials at:*

<https://mde.maryland.gov/programs/Air/ClimateChange/MCCC/Pages/MWG.aspx> (12/17/19 meeting)



# Policy Scenario 2 Measures

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*Compared to The Draft Plan (“PS4”)*

## Near Complete Electrification:

- Accelerated light duty ZEV sales by 2030 (same 100% by 2050 as PS4)
- Accelerated heavy duty EV and Diesel Hybrid Sales (95% by 2050)
- Electrification of non-road vehicles (50% construction EVs by 2050)
- Aggressive building electrification (95% Heat Pump sales by 2050)

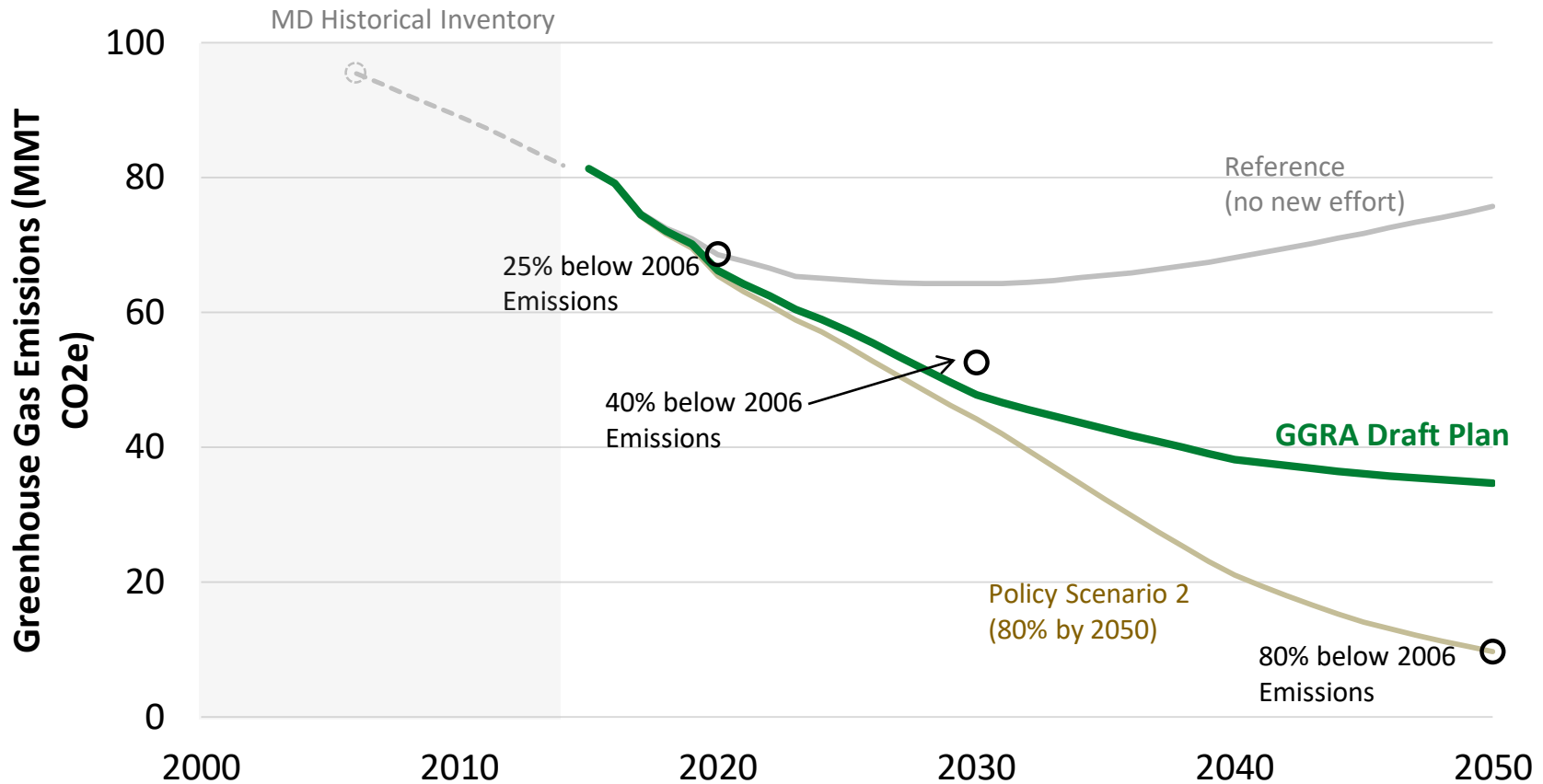
## Near Complete Decarbonization:

- Continued RGGI cap decline through 2050 (90% reduction 2020-2050)
- Aggressive deployment of renewable natural gas and advanced biofuels (25% biomethane by 2050 and 63% renewable diesel by 2050)
- More aggressive energy efficiency (100% efficient appliance sales by 2030; additional savings in industrial sector)



# Long Term Goals

MDE analyzed a scenario that achieves 80% reduction by 2050 (“Scenario 2”)

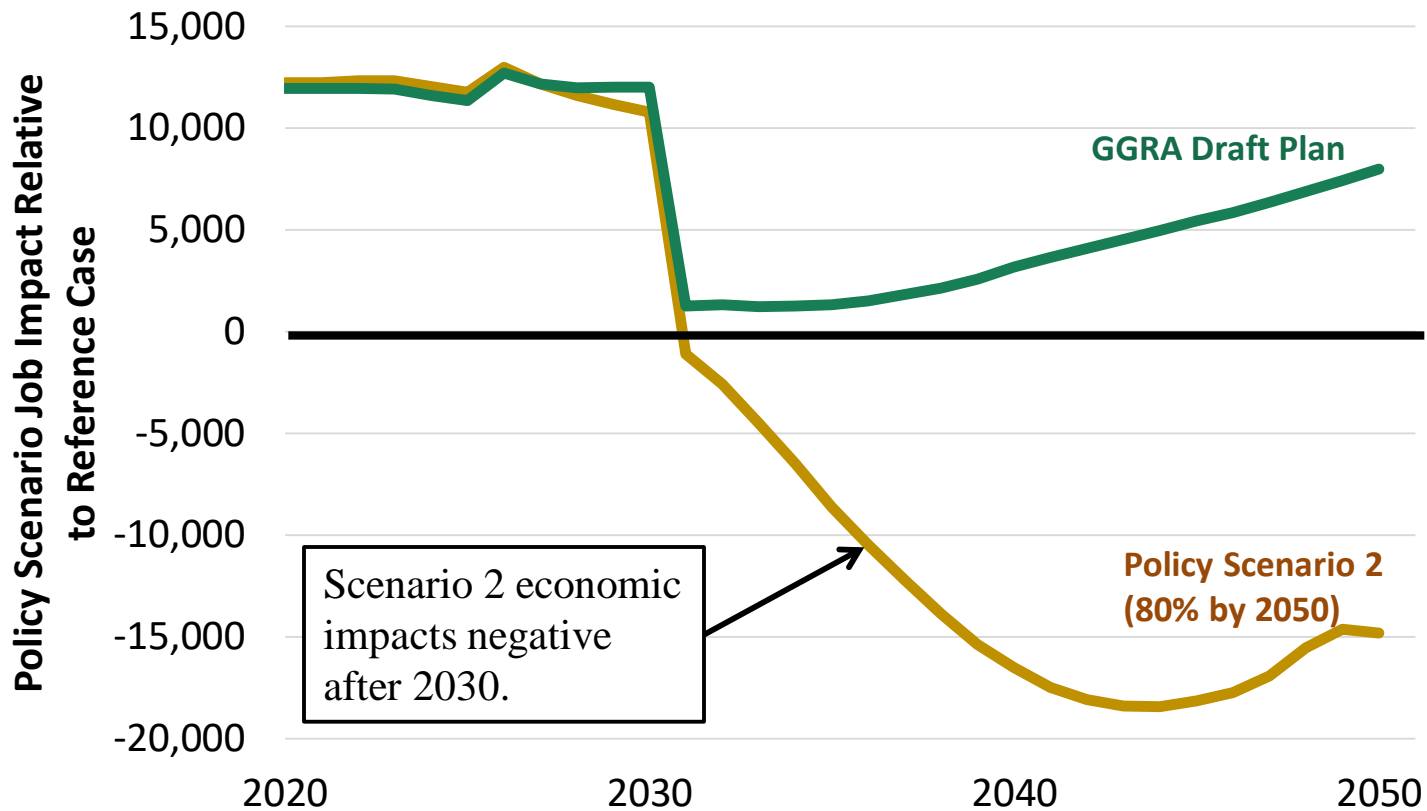


Important long-term measures included: renewable natural gas, other advanced biofuels, electric or other zero-emission heavy trucks and non-road vehicles.



# Long Term Challenges

Scenario 2 identified important long-term measures that should be re-evaluated as technologies mature, but are currently expensive.



These measures may be necessary for deeper reductions, and may be cost-effective when the time comes. In the meantime, the Draft Plan focuses on measures necessary for 2030.



# Conclusions from 2050 Analysis in GGRA Draft Plan

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- Identified several measures and technologies to monitor as they become available & economical.
- Many should be deployed in the future.
- Many policies cannot be precisely specified multiple decades out.
- Difficult to demonstrate positive economic impacts with new or speculative technologies, whose cost is very high, and very uncertain.



## 2020 MWG Scenario (excerpt)

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*Assumptions established by MWG. Full materials at <https://mde.maryland.gov/programs/Air/ClimateChange/MCCC/Pages/MWG.aspx> (6/18/20 meeting)*



# MWG Scenario Policies and Measures

## + Electricity Generation

- 50% RPS by 2050, 75% RPS and 100% zero-emissions electricity by 2040
- All in-state coal-fired power plants are retired by 2030
- No new natural gas power plants built after 2020
- Increased net metering cap to 3 GW by 2030
- Accelerated RGGI cap (50% reductions by 2030, 100% reductions by 2040, vs. 2020)

## + Transportation

- CAFE Standards improving through 2026
- Aggressive zero-emission vehicle sales
- Low LDV VMT growth rate (0.6% per year)

## + Buildings and Industry

- Increased EmPOWER efficiency goals by 2023 and beyond
- Aggressive building electrification for new construction and retrofits

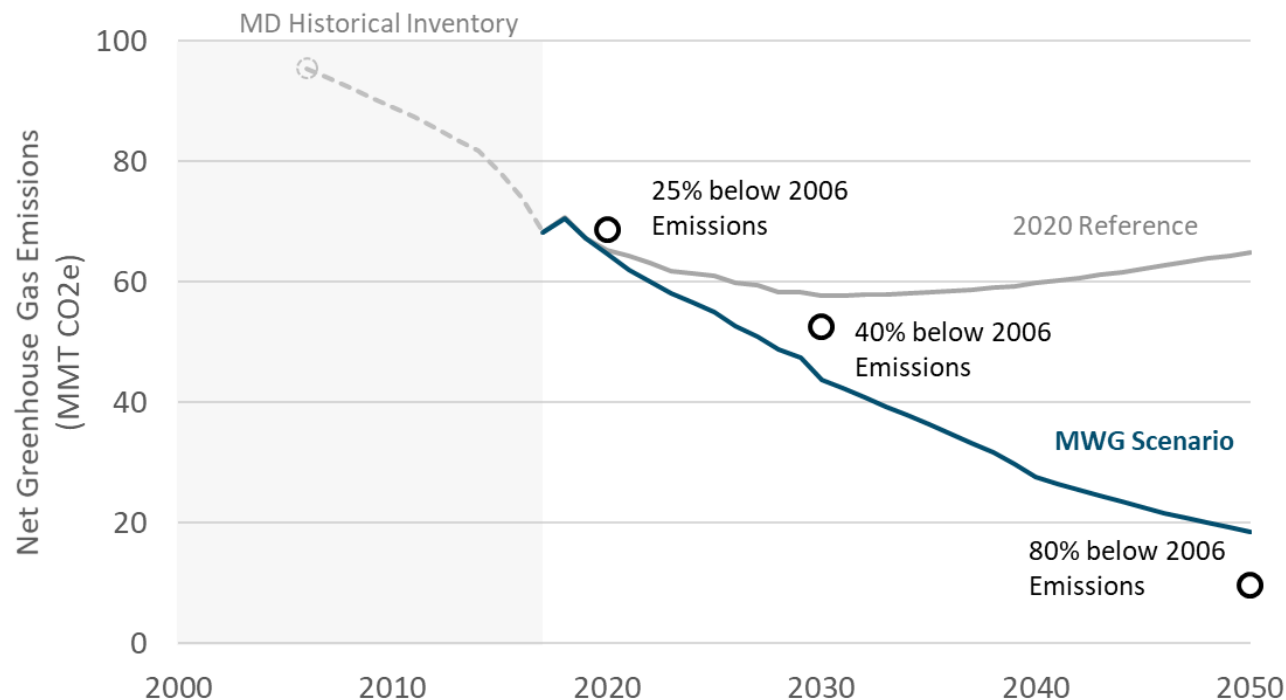
## + Other

- Methane measures in manure management and enteric fermentation
- Increased forestry sinks by 10% by 2030 (vs. 2017)



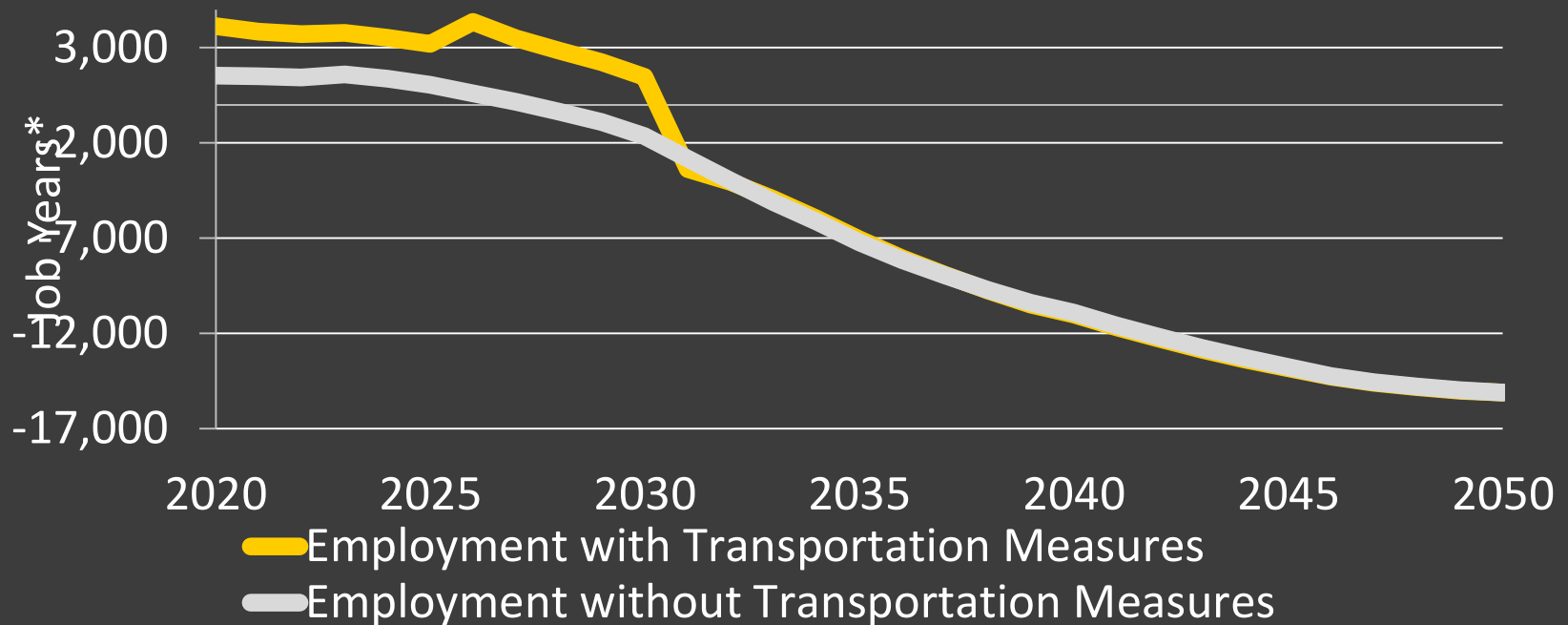


# Total Net GHG Emissions



- + The MWG scenario overachieves the near-term GHG targets and is close to meeting the 2050 GHG target.
- + It overachieves the **2020 GHG target by 3.9 MMT CO<sub>2</sub>e**, and the **2030 GHG target by 8.7 MMT CO<sub>2</sub>e**
- + It gets close to the **2050 GHG target**, but there is still a **gap of 8.9 MMT CO<sub>2</sub>**.

# Without the transportation measures, employment remains positive at 575 jobs



\*Difference between the MWG Scenario and reference case