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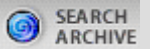
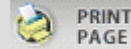
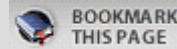
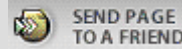
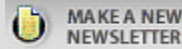
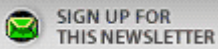
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White Paper Finds that Europe Relies on Costly RGGI to Influence U.S. Climate Change Policy Through the Back-Door

PRINCETON, N.J., Nov. 21 /PRNewswire/ -- The Institute for Trade, Standards and Sustainable Development (ITSSD) is calling public attention to the impending Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI), a secret regulatory regime designed by nine northeastern governors that will significantly raise energy, goods and services prices for regional consumers.

"The RGGI is essentially another hidden [consumer] tax." It was conceived of by New York State Governor George Pataki during 2003, and has since been expanded behind 'closed doors' and without public debate to include eight other states, including New Jersey and Massachusetts.