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NCSEA Statement on Governor's Executive Order 246

RALEIGH, N.C. – On Friday, Governor Roy Cooper issued [Executive Order 246](#), outlining North Carolina's commitment to expanding our state's clean energy economy and advancing action on equity, clean transportation and decarbonization. This executive order (EO) builds upon years of commitment from the Governor, his staff and Administration, and the NC General Assembly demonstrated through previous executive and legislative actions, such as EO80, EO218, clean energy focused MOUs, and legislation passed over the last two decades. NCSEA commends Governor Cooper for issuing this latest executive order and cementing his legacy as a clean energy proponent.

The Governor's newest executive order is comprised of several key provisions and targets further advancing the state's commitments to a clean energy future, which includes:

- Expanding the state GHG reduction goal to 50% below 2005 levels by 2030, while re-emphasizing a net-zero target by 2050;
- Establishing goal of 1.25 million zero-emissions vehicles (ZEV) on the road by 2030 and 50% of new vehicle sales as ZEVs by 2030;
- Directing the Governor's Office and Cabinet agencies to incorporate environmental justice and equity considerations in the implementation of EO246, EO80, and EO218;
- Directing NC Department of Environmental Quality to conduct and update GHG inventory, with plans for biennial analysis;
- Plans for a NC Deep Decarbonization Pathways analysis conducted by the Governor's Office to analyze solutions to reaching statewide emissions reduction goals;
- Directing the NC Department of Transportation and other state agencies to create a Clean Transportation Plan;
- Directing the state to conduct a social cost of GHG emissions analysis;
- Directing each cabinet agency to identify an environmental justice and equity lead to head community engagement and meaningful dialogue in agency decision-making;
- Establishing direction for the Climate Council to encourage workforce diversity in clean energy;
- And several other provisions advancing clean energy, equity, and decarbonization related efforts.



“NC Sustainable Energy Association commends Governor Cooper and his administration for their continued commitment to expanding North Carolina's clean energy economy and ensuring all of our residents have greater access to clean, affordable energy sources, technologies and transportation,” said NCSEA Executive Director Ward Lenz. “Executive Order 246 marks another important step forward in the state’s clean energy transition, as it kicks off the next phase of stakeholder engagement, planning and implementation critical to reaching our state’s emission reduction targets, while prioritizing equity across all North Carolina communities. NCSEA looks forward to continuing to work with the Governor’s Office, along with various agencies, such as the NC Department of Transportation and NC Department of Environmental Quality, and other decision makers to successfully implement the measures outlined in this order.”

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About North Carolina Sustainable Energy Association

North Carolina Sustainable Energy Association (NCSEA) is the leading 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that drives public policy and market development for clean energy. Our work enables clean energy jobs, economic opportunities, and affordable energy options for North Carolinians. Learn more about NCSEA, our mission, and vision at www.energync.org.