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[Climate Action Council - Thursday, October 8, 2020](#)

The Climate Action Council (CAC), tasked with developing a Scoping Plan to implement the NY climate law, held its fourth meeting on Thursday, October 8, 2020. Each Advisory Panel and Working Group chairs reported out on their scope of work and external engagement plans. Recurring concerns Council members had regarding these work plans included the limited role of bioenergy and assessing cost impacts in meeting reduction goals as well as having local government representation on the panels. The CAC also approved the creation of a new Advisory Panel to evaluate emissions and recommend mitigation strategies for waste generating sectors. NYSDEC's Martin Brand, who will chair the Waste Panel, informed the CAC that support staff will begin work before membership is finalized. Recommendations on membership will be sent to the CAC by October 15. CAC members suggested the Panel should focus on addressing methane leakages and collaborate with local waste treatment authorities and the Transportation Panel. The CAC also received two presentations on the NY electricity system. Rich Dewey (NYISO) outlined the challenges of transitioning the grid to accommodate renewables noting the need for technology and innovation to achieve carbon-free electricity by 2040. NYSDPS's Tammy Mitchell gave an overview of policies and initiatives facilitating the integration of renewable energy resources into the electricity system. The CAC will reconvene on November 24, 2020. Presentations and notes from past CAC meetings can be found [here](#).