

# *USEPA's Mandatory GHG Reporting Rule*

## Rule Changes & Roadmap for Reporting

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15 December 2010

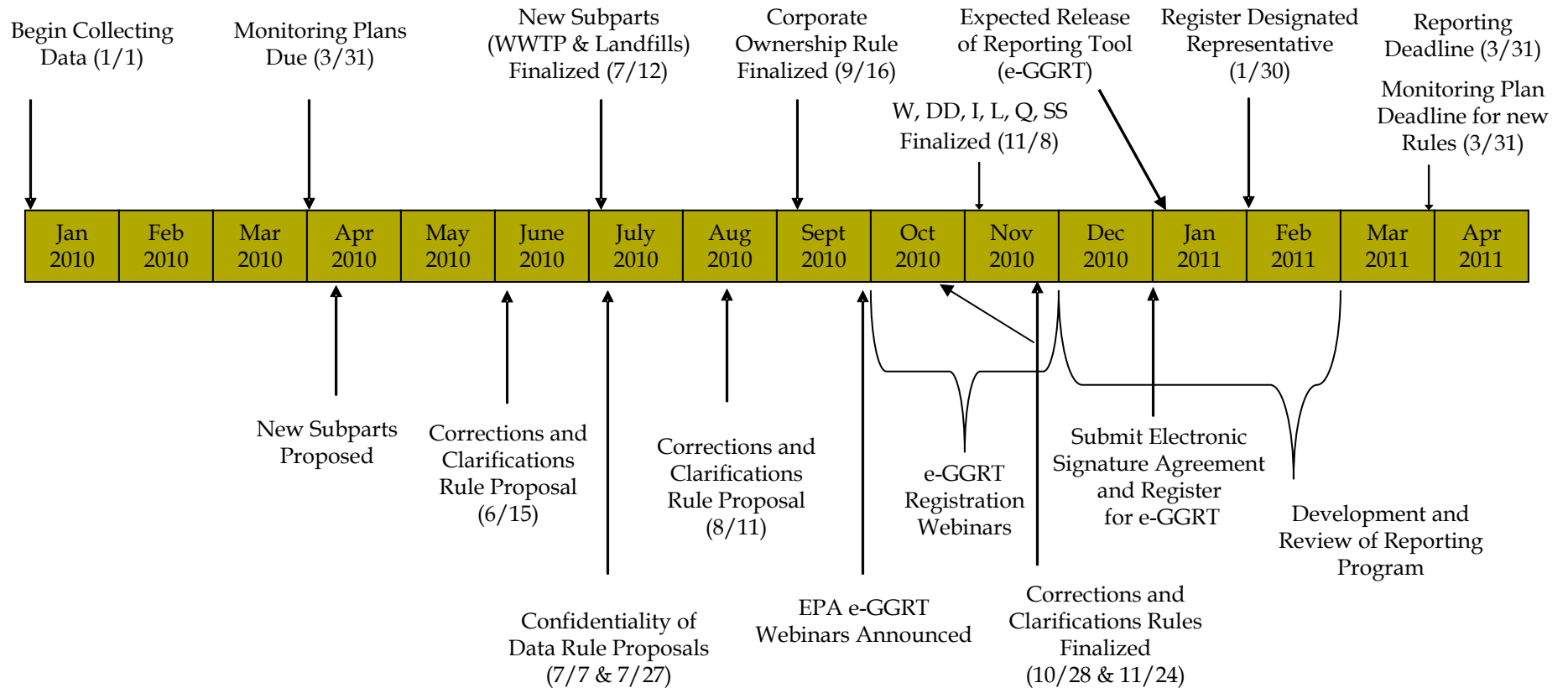
# Mandatory Reporting Rule, Let's Summarize...

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- Lot's of changes, revisions, clarifications since rule issued in October 2009
- Not expecting EPA will release e-GGRT until early next year
- The reporting tool has complexity
- Leave today with ideas for actions to ensure accurate and complete submittal in March 2011



# 2010 GHG Reporting - Regulatory Timeline



# Technical Edits and Clarifications

## Finalized Oct. 28 & Nov. 24

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- Retroactive to January 1



- Removes requirement to describe QA/QC and keep maintenance records for fuel billing meters



- Provides relief from having to resubmit annual report for every error within 45 days of discovery
  - ◆ Limited to substantive error, i.e. one that affects reported emissions
  - ◆ Would still notify the EPA of the nonsubstantive error but do not have to resubmit report
  - ◆ Can get a 30-day extension upon request



- Missing data records reduced
  - ◆ Old: Cause, duration, actions to restore, actions to prevent
  - ◆ New: Cause, actions to restore

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- Adds new Equation C-1a to allow fuel bills measured in therms (0.1 MMBTU) or MMBTU to be used directly, rather than having to get heating value data from suppliers to convert therms or MMBTU to scf



- Confirms pilot gas does not need be reported
- Substantial changes in what must be reported for Subpart C to support EPA electronic reporting



- ◆ Added:
  - » Start and end dates of when calculation methodologies are used
  - » Additional data on heat inputs and HHV for fuel blends



- ◆ Removed:
  - » Heat input, customer meter number, and ID number of each unit on a common pipe → Just report heat input of largest unit

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- Do not have to report small sources on a common pipe with large sources, e.g. water heaters on same line as process heaters
  - ◆ Attribute the small sources to a large source(s)
  - ◆ Allowed if common fuel is measured and large sources account for 95% of fuel used
  - ◆ Can use company records for confirming 95% split, documented in GHG Monitoring Plan

# Electronic Reporting

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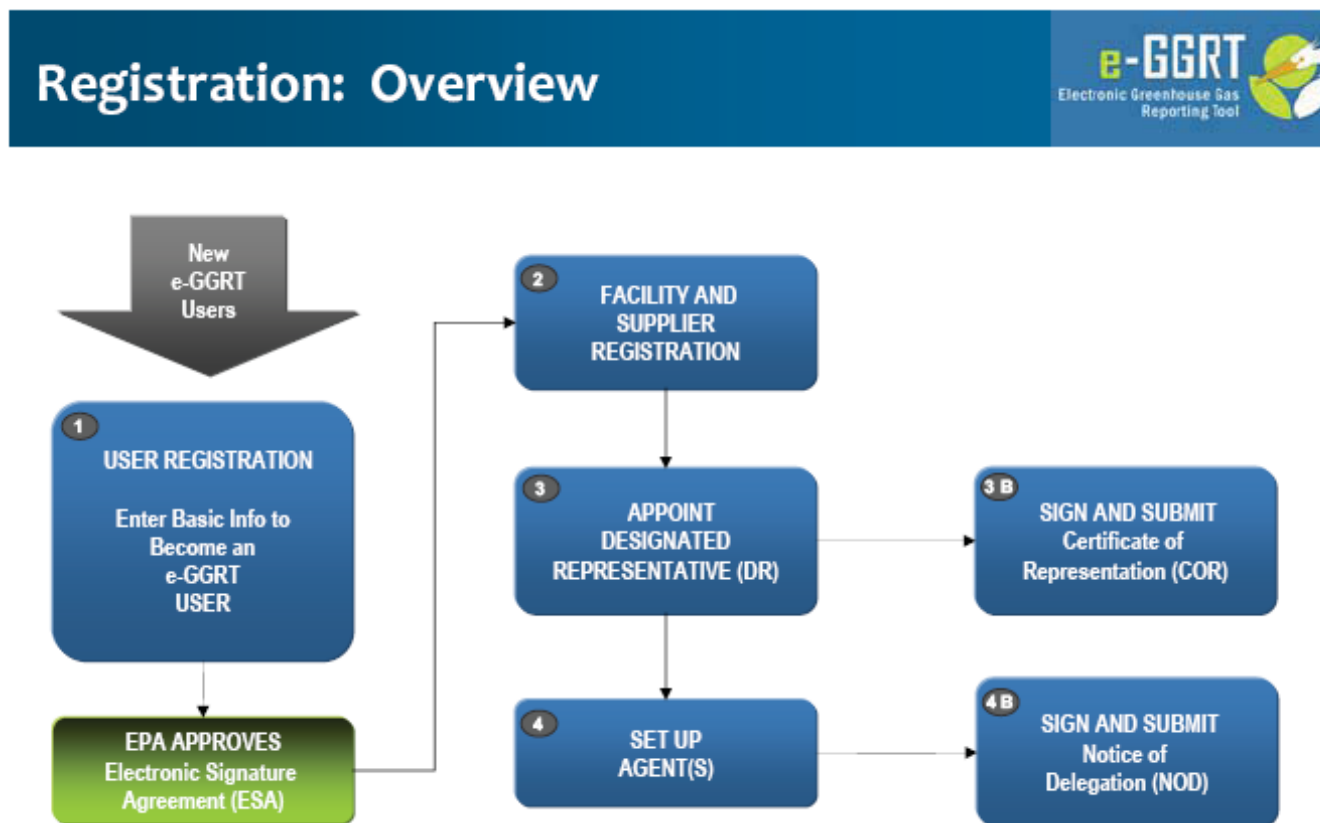
- All reporting under the GHG Reporting Program will be electronic.
- EPA's Electronic Greenhouse Gas Reporting Tool (e-GGRT) is under development.
  - ◆ Web-based system for facility/supplier to EPA reporting
  - ◆ Web-forms will guide reporters through data entry and submission
  - ◆ Built-in emissions calculations
  - ◆ Will include a mechanism to submit file directly using Extensible Markup Language (XML) format

# e-GGRT Registration

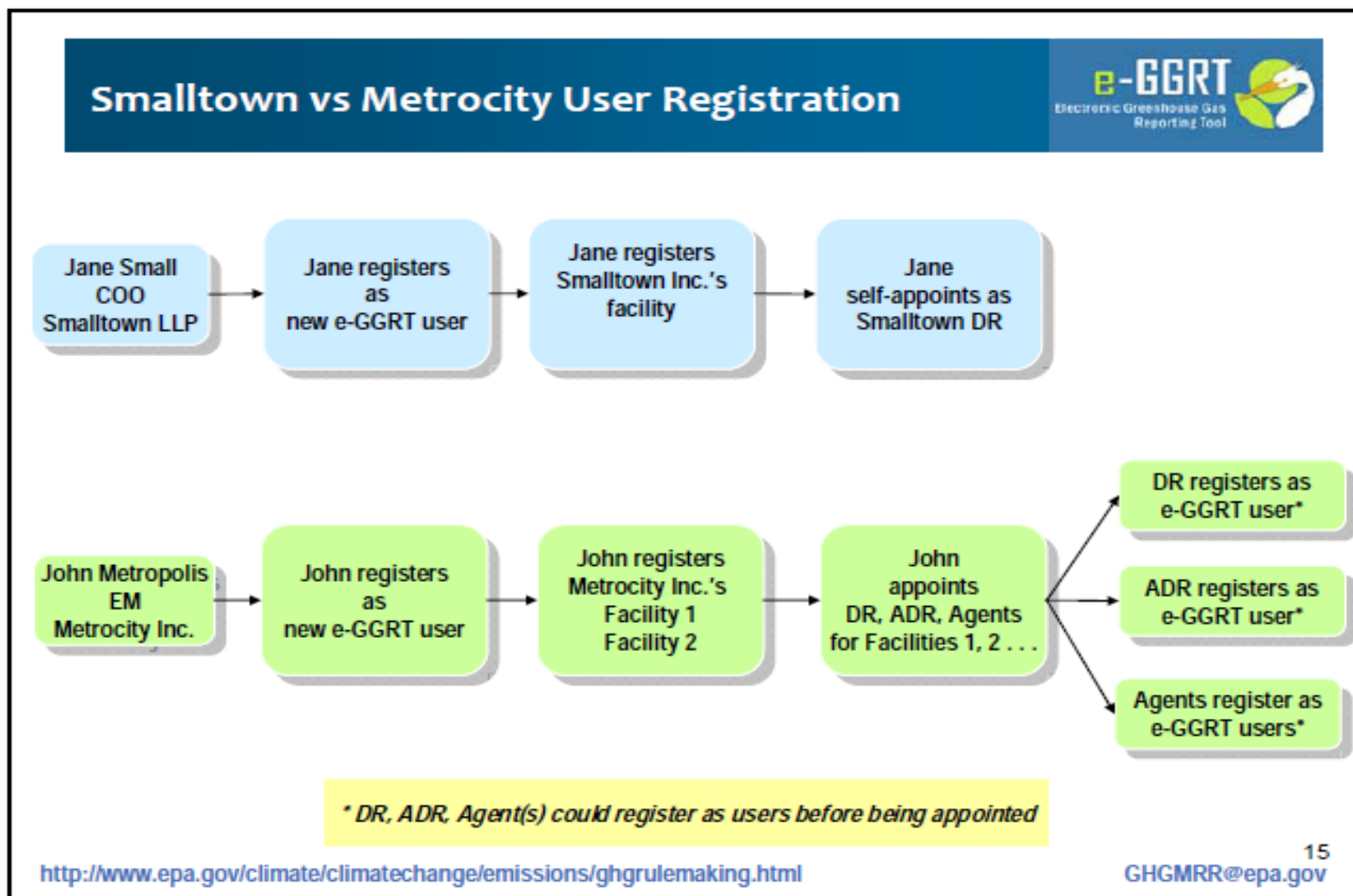
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- e-GGRT will handle user and facility registration
- Facility or supplier representatives can create e-GGRT user accounts and Register facilities and suppliers
  - ◆ Identify Designated Representatives and Alternate Designated Representatives
  - ◆ Submit Certificates of Representation to EPA
  - ◆ Identify Agents
  - ◆ Submit Notices of Delegation to EPA
- Deadline for the 2010 reporting year: Certificates of Representation must be submitted to EPA no later than **January 30, 2011**.
- Register early !
  - ◆ User account set-up includes electronic signature agreement processing; allow **at least 10 days** before the deadline to set-up user account and register facilities or suppliers.

# e-GGRT Flowchart for Registration



# e-GGRT Registration Example



# 2010 GHG Reporting - What Should I Do Now?

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# What should I have done already (yesterday)?

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- Identify gaps in managing inventory
  - ◆ Applicability analysis and compliance plan
  - ◆ Equipment needs and documentation of changes
  - ◆ Monitoring plan with updated procedures and training requirements
- Set up system to calculate emissions and manage recordkeeping with change log
- Attempt a dry run
  - ◆ This will identify more gaps

# 2010 GHG Reporting - ROADMAP TO COMPLIANCE

## Step 1 – Prepare Tools

- Prepare calculation tool
- Procedures for review and sign off
- Training for team and management

2010 CO <sub>2</sub> Emissions							
Client Name - Location							
Facility Equipment		2010 Fuel Information		Source Heat Input mmbtu	2010 GHG Emission Calcs		
Equipment ID	Equipment Size	Fuel Usage	Fuel Type		metric ton CO <sub>2</sub>	metric ton CH <sub>4</sub>	metric ton N <sub>2</sub> O
CB Boiler 1	30 MMBtu/hr	gallons	No. 6 fuel oil	0	0	0.000	0.000
		mmcf	Natural gas	0	0	0.000	0.000
CB Boiler 2	30 MMBtu/hr	gallons	No. 6 fuel oil	0	0	0.000	0.000
		mmcf	Natural gas	0	0	0.000	0.000
CB Boiler 3	50 MMBTU/hr	gallons	No. 2 fuel oil	0	0	0.000	0.000
		mmcf	Natural gas	0	0	0.000	0.000
CB Boiler 4	50 MMBTU/hr	gallons	No. 2 fuel oil	0	0	0.000	0.000
		mmcf	Natural gas	0	0	0.000	0.000
Dryers 1-4	9 MMBTU/hr x 4	mmcf	Natural gas	0	0	0.000	0.000
Total GHG Emissions (metric tons):					<b>0</b>	<b>0.000</b>	<b>0.000</b>
Global Warming Equivalent <sup>2</sup> :					1	21	310
Total Metric Tons CO <sub>2</sub> e in 2010					<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
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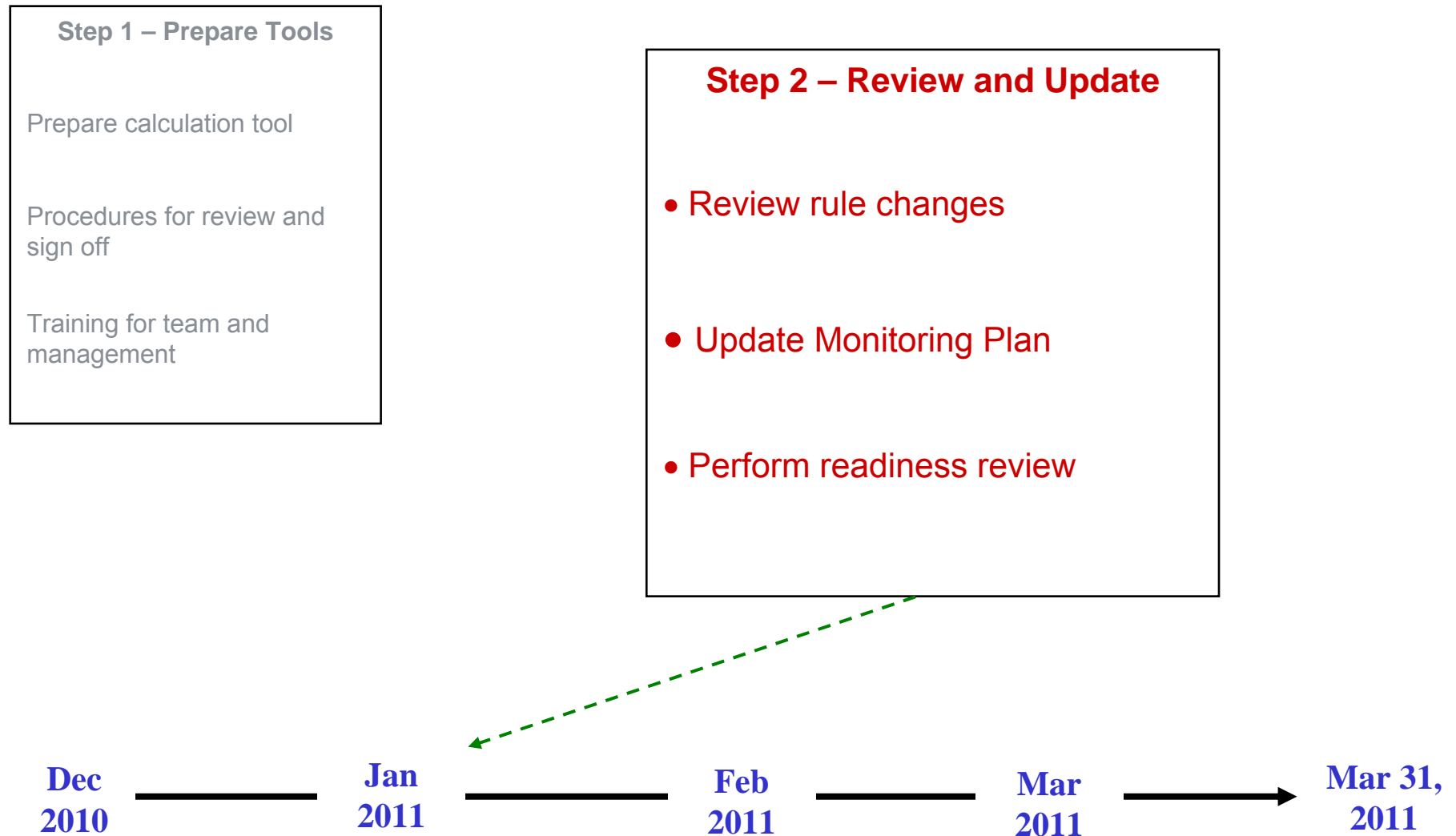
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# Monitoring Plan

## Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Reporting Rule Monitoring Plan

for  
Client Name  
Street Address  
Richmond, VA

March 2010; Revision 0

Environmental Resources Man  
200 Harry S. Truman Parkway,  
Annapolis, Maryland 21  
410-266-0006  
[www.erm.com](http://www.erm.com)



### 3.0 MONITORING PLAN [40 CFR 98.3(g)(5)]

The GHG Reporting Rule requires development of a written GHG Monitoring Plan. This plan, as well as the information collected in conformance with the plan, must be available for review by regulatory authorities during an audit.

### 3.1 POSITIONS OF RESPONSIBILITY [40 CFR 98.3(g)(5)(i)(A)]

Identification of positions of responsibility, (i.e. job titles) for collection of GHG emissions data is described below.

Table 3-1 Positions and Responsibilities for GHG Emission Data Collection

Job Title, Richmond Facility	Responsibility (As related to emission data collection)
Environmental Manager	Communicate methods and importance of air emissions data collection Calculate natural gas usage per combustion unit based on meter readings; Check emissions calculations and back up data used for the calculations Check GHG emissions calculations and data used to generate calculations
Boiler Operators	Record natural gas flow meter readings to the boilers and heaters; Record boiler and heater run times; Record fuel oil volume consumed
Extruder Operators	Record dryer run time; Record dryer natural gas usage per flow meter readings
Receiving Department	Receive and maintain fuel oil and natural gas invoices from the suppliers
Environmental Engineer	Receives fuel oil and natural consumption data from the boiler operators and Extruder Operators, including information from the Richmond Facility Receiving Department, Boiler House, and Extruder Dept. for the Richmond Facility combustion units; Compiles data into an Excel spreadsheet that calculates GHG emissions Leads QA/QC data collection; Leads data inconsistency inquiries and resolution management; Coordinates report certification and submittal with Designated Representative; Identifies data collection changes and addresses changes per GHG Protocol Management of Change; Completes the GHG Revision Log; Completes Missing Data Calculation Log

Representative of the facility in electronic format yet to be specified by the USEPA.

The Richmond Facility must have one person who is designated as responsible for certifying, signing, and submitting the GHG emissions reports. The Certificate of Representation must be submitted to the USEPA at least 60 days before the deadline for submission of the GHG emissions report (by 30 January).

NOTE THAT THE RICHMOND FACILITY WILL NOT BE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT A GHG EMISSIONS INVENTORY IN 2011 IF THE GHG EMISSIONS FROM THE SITE IN CY2010 ARE FEWER THAN 25,000 METRIC TONS.

However, once the Richmond Facility exceeds the 25,000 metric tons in a single year, annual reports will be due each year by 31 March, regardless

subsequent years. Once an emissions inventory is filed, the facility must continue to submit an inventory until one of the following conditions are met:

• The facility emits more than 25,000 metric tons per year CO<sub>2</sub>e for five consecutive years;

• The facility emits more than 15,000 metric tons per year for three consecutive years;

• The facility emits more than 15,000 metric tons per year in all units and operations covered by the GHG Reporting Rule.



# Check and Update

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- Readiness review
  - ◆ Activities scheduled
  - ◆ All records available
    - » Devil is in the details
      - › Management of fuels
      - › Missing data management
      - › Exceptions and inclusions
      - › Aggregated reporting - Common Pipe, etc.
  - ◆ Personnel in place for review

**After explaining to a student through various lessons and examples that:**

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 8} \frac{1}{x-8} = \infty$$

**I tried to check if she really understood that, so I gave her a different example.**

**This was the result:**

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 5} \frac{1}{x-5} = \infty$$

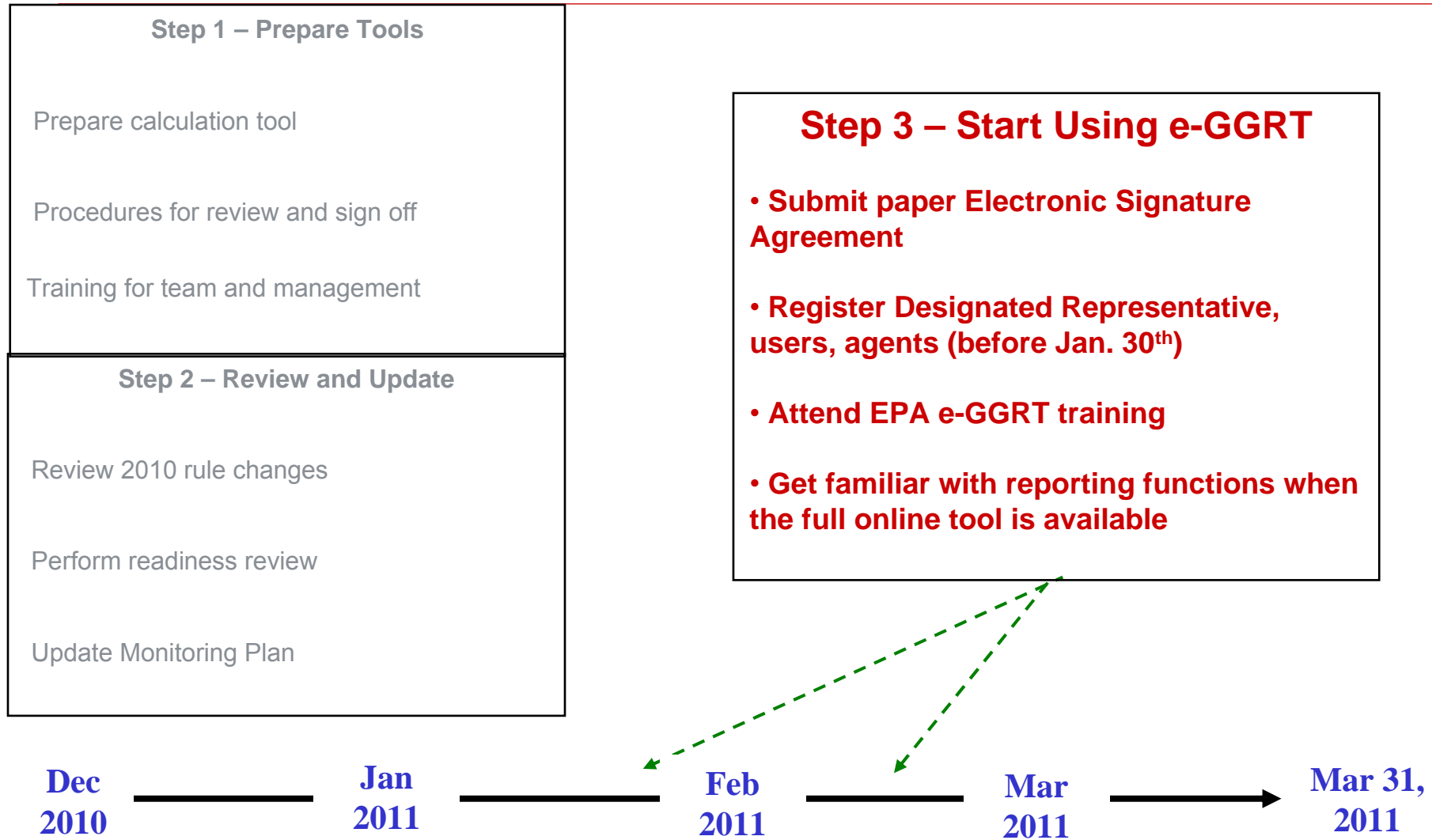
# Watch for Updates!

The screenshot shows the EPA website's "Greenhouse Gas Reporting Program" page. The browser window title is "Greenhouse Gas Reporting Program | Regulatory Initiatives | Climate Change | U.S. EPA - Windows Internet Explorer". The address bar shows the URL: <http://www.epa.gov/climatechange/emissions/ghgrulemaking.html>. The page header includes the EPA logo and the text "U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY". The main navigation bar features "Climate Change - Regulatory Initiatives" and a search box. Below this, the page title is "Greenhouse Gas Reporting Program". A secondary navigation bar includes "Greenhouse Gas Reporting Program", "Rulemaking Notices", "Resources by Subpart", "Resources and Tools", "Training Opportunities", "Background", and "Proposed Rules". A "Rule Help Center" and "Data Reporting System" are also visible. The main content area contains several paragraphs of text, including a response to the FY2008 Consolidated Appropriations Act, details on reporting requirements for various sources, and information about rule amendments. A "What's New" sidebar lists recent updates such as "Subpart DD Webinar Scheduled" and "Subparts RR/UU Webinar Scheduled". A "Resources and Tools" sidebar lists documents like "Special Provisions 2010 Fact Sheet" and "Frequently Asked Questions". A footer note indicates that Adobe Reader is needed to view some files.

<http://www.epa.gov/climatechange/emissions/ghgrulemaking.html>



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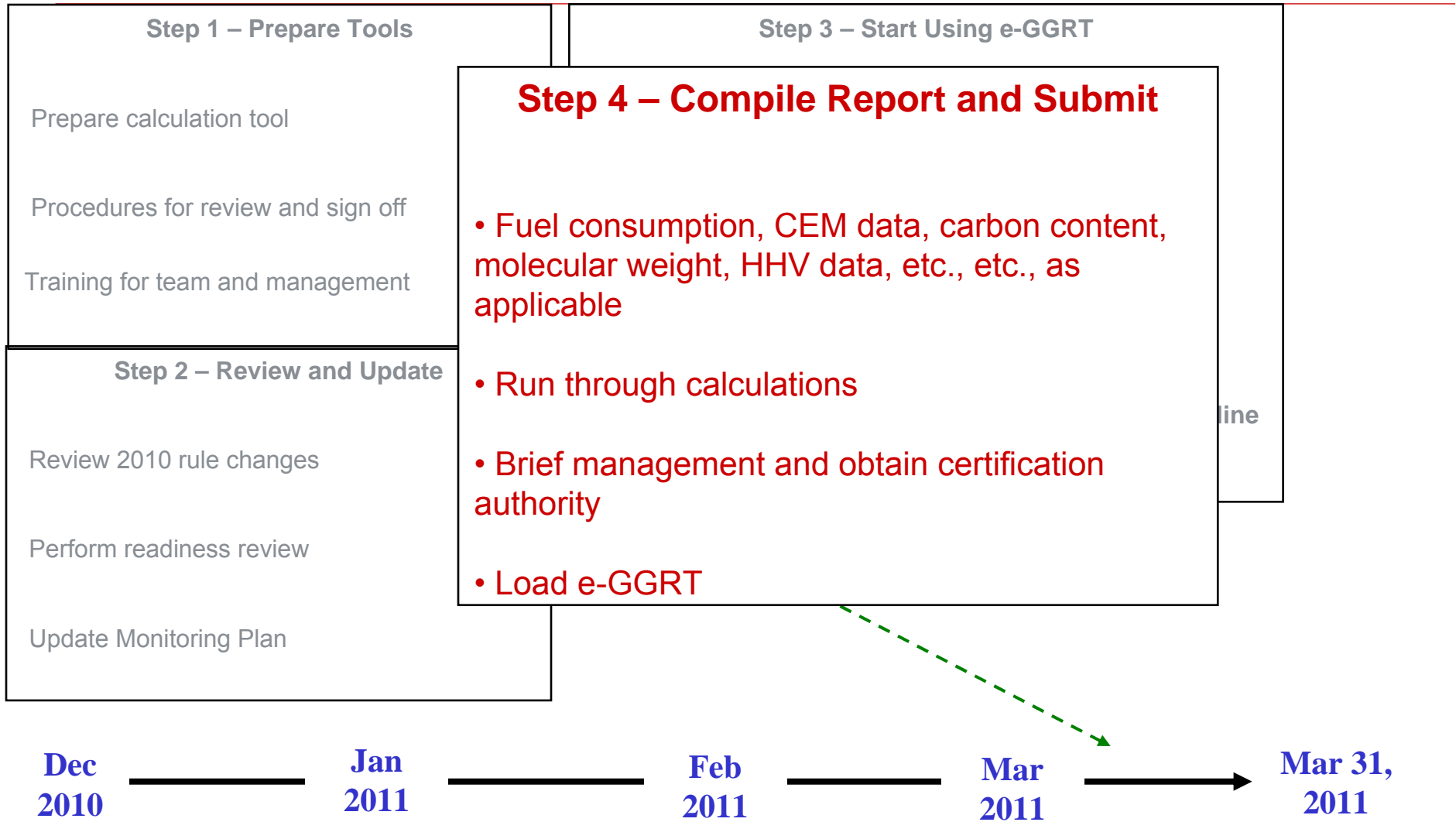
# When will it be available?

"The e-GGRT registration module will be available in early fall 2010 in anticipation of reporting deadlines in 2011 "

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# Questions?

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