



Climate Change Statutes

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§ 150. Definitions

As used in this article: 1. "Agricultural environmental management (AEM) program" means the program established in this article to assist farmers in managing their farm operations in a way that protects the environment and helps maintain the economic viability of the farm.

2. "AEM" means agricultural environmental management.

3. "AEM plan" means a document prepared or approved by a certified AEM planner and accepted by a participating farmer which documents a course of action for the environmental management of a farm operation, including, but not limited to, measures to abate and control agricultural nonpoint source water pollution, air pollution and other adverse environmental impacts from farm operations through the implementation of best management practices, in a way which maintains the viability of the farm operation. An AEM plan may also include measures to address greenhouse gas emissions, global warming and renewable energy related to farm operations.

4. "Best management practice" means a practice or combination of practices determined to be the most effective, economically feasible and practicable means of preventing or reducing water pollution generated by nonpoint sources, air pollution and other adverse environmental impacts from farm operations.