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# **Covanta Leads Efforts to Fight Climate Change**

## Renewable energy giant joins California Climate Action Registry

LOS ANGELES, California – Covanta Holding Corporation, a leader in generating clean, renewable energy from waste, has joined the California Climate Action Registry (Registry), a distinguished group of organizations demonstrating leadership by voluntarily taking action on climate change. As a member, Covanta will work with the Registry to annually track, report and certify its greenhouse gas emissions, the main drivers of global warming.

Covanta is a world leader in the development and operation of large scale energy-from-waste power projects. Among its diverse portfolio of renewable power plants are 31 facilities that are able to generate clean and renewable energy from 15 million tons of municipal solid waste each year for communities it serves throughout the United States These facilities generate over 5% of the nation's non-hydro renewable energy, which is enough to power for all the homes in a city as large as Philadelphia.

The Registry, created by the California legislature in 2000, is a non-profit public/private partnership that helps companies and organizations throughout the United States to track, publicly report and reduce their greenhouse gas emissions. The results are certified by independent third-parties to ensure compliance with Registry protocols and standardization across participants and sectors. The Registry has been widely recognized as a gold standard for public reporting of greenhouse gases.

"Climate change is one of the biggest challenges our society faces and Covanta is proud to be part of the solution" said Anthony J. Orlando, Covanta's Chief Executive Officer. "Generating clean energy from waste significantly reduces greenhouse gases by preventing methane production from waste [landfills] and reducing the use of fossil fuel to generate the electricity our nation needs. We joined the Registry, because we feel it is important to understand the sources of greenhouse gas emissions so we can then find sustainable solutions that create meaningful reductions in these emissions. The registry is a critical first step in that process."

"Covanta has an impressive history of leadership in clean and sustainable energy. I am very pleased they are participating in the Registry's rigorous program to measure, monitor and publicly report their greenhouse gas emissions," said Diane Wittenberg, President of the California Climate Action Registry.

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**The California Climate Action Registry** is a non-profit public/private partnership that serves as a voluntary greenhouse gas (GHG) registry to protect, encourage, and promote early actions to reduce GHG emissions. Over 130 major companies, cities, government agencies and NGOs measure and publicly report their GHG emissions through the Registry. <u>www.climateregistry.org</u>

**Covanta** is a world premier owner and operator of modern energy-from-waste facilities. Covanta plants convert municipal solid waste into renewable energy for numerous communities predominantly in the United States. The company also operates related infrastructure such as transfer stations and biomass facilities,.

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