

The Economic Impact of Wood Energy in the Northeastern States

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This three-volume report considers the economic impacts of using wood for energy in the industrial/commercial and residential sectors of the eleven Northeastern States -- Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, and Vermont in 1992. In particular, it considers the impact the use of wood for energy has on employment, income, and on local, state and federal taxes. The report was prepared under contract with the Coalition of Northeastern Governors by Resource Systems Group, Inc. of White River Junction, Vermont and Energetics, Inc. of Columbia, Maryland and updates a similar study done in 1985.

Volume I describes the methodology and the overall results of the study. Volume II is a technical appendix to Volume I and includes detailed results for each of the eleven states. Volume III is a handbook for project specific analysis of the economic impacts of wood energy in each of these states. Diskettes are included with Volumes II and III. The diskette to accompany Volume II requires the application Lotus 123 for use on an IBM compatible (MSDOS or Windows) computer. The disk to accompany Volume III is a user friendly Lotus 123 spreadsheet which calculates the economic impacts of wood energy facilities.