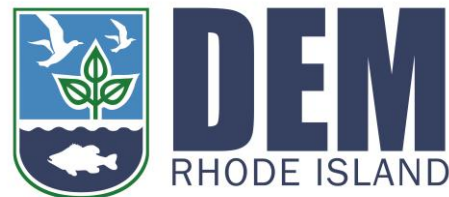


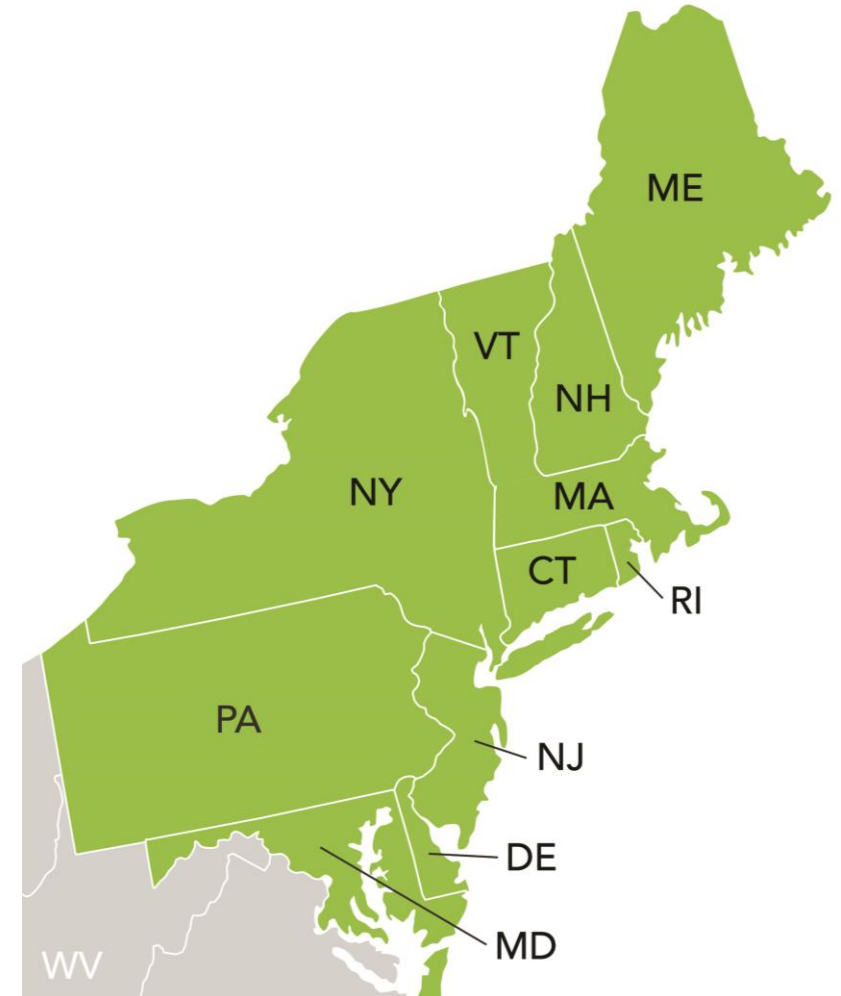
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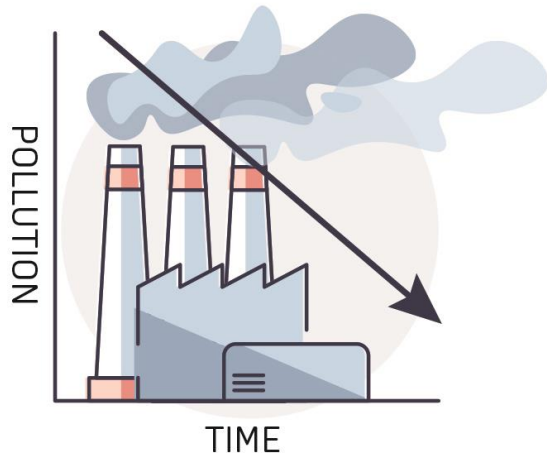


RGGI Background

- Started in 2009, RGGI is the first market-based, cap-and-invest program in the nation.
- The purpose of this cooperative effort among 11 eastern states is to reduce carbon dioxide (CO₂) emissions from power plants.
- Each state has independent regulations for their individual CO₂ Budget Trading Program based on the RGGI Model Rule.
- RI Statute & Regulations
 - RIGL § 23-82:
Implementation of the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative Act
 - Air Pollution Control Regulation #46:
“CO₂ Budget Trading Program” and #47 – ‘CO₂ Budget Trading Program Allowance Distribution’ (Auction portion of regulations)



How RGGI Works



RGGI States establish a regional cap on CO₂ emissions which declines over time.

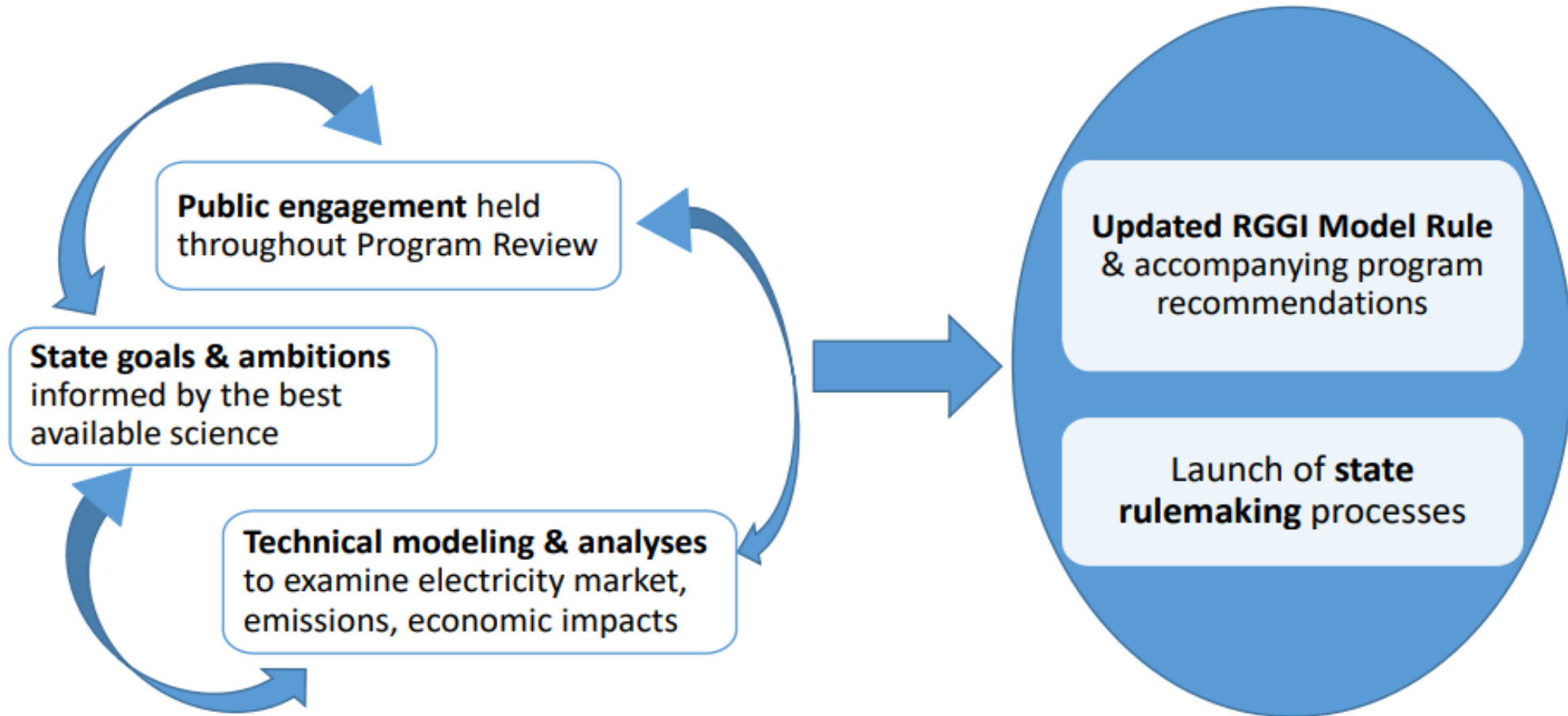


Power plants must purchase enough RGGI allowances at quarterly auctions to cover their CO₂ emissions.



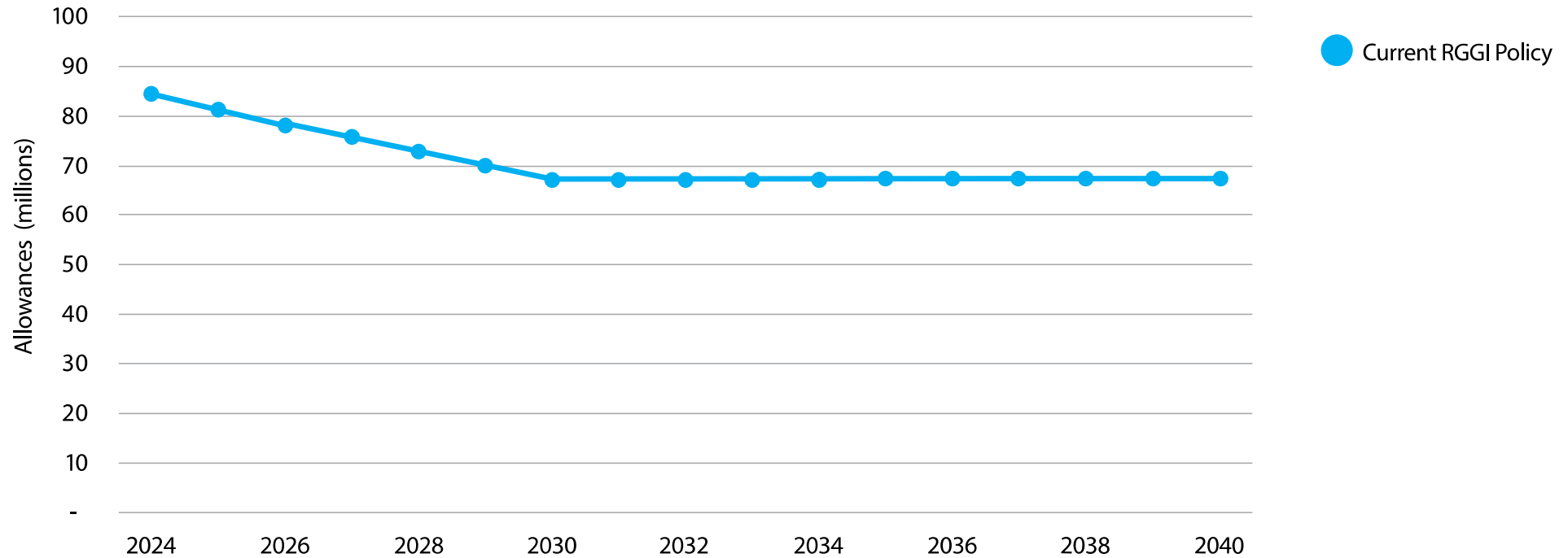
RGGI States invest the proceeds from auctions back into their communities to fund clean energy programs, energy efficiency, renewable energy and bill assistance.

What is RGGI Program Review?



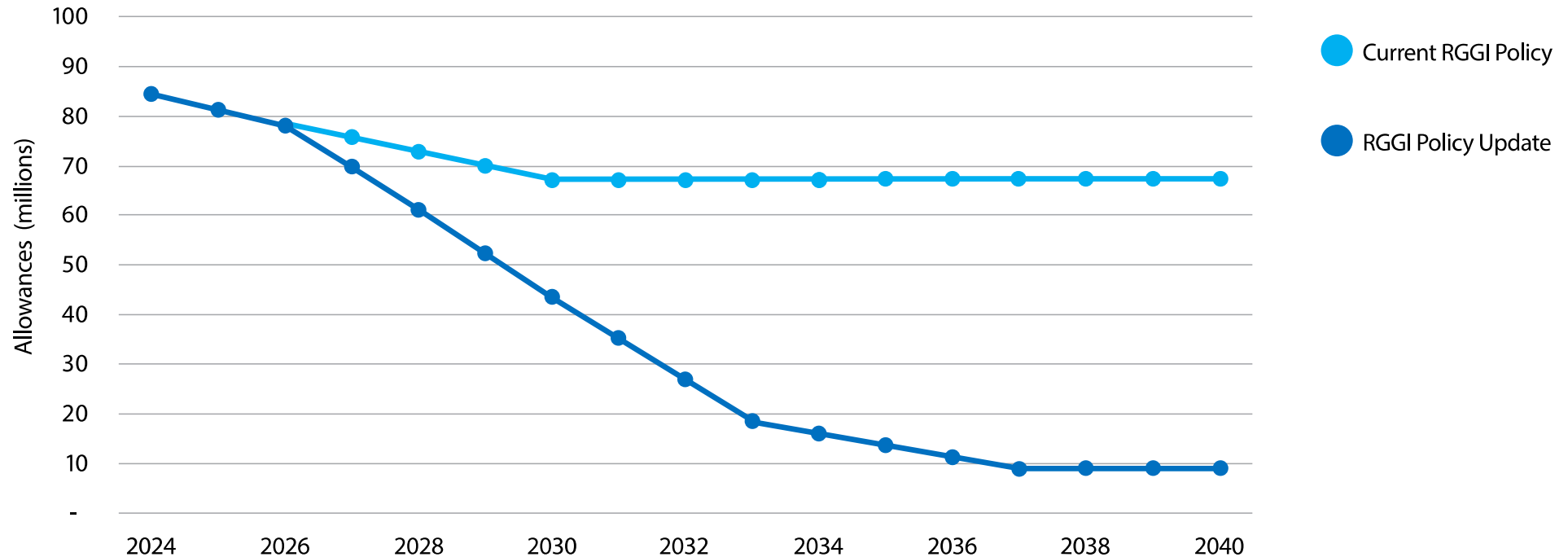
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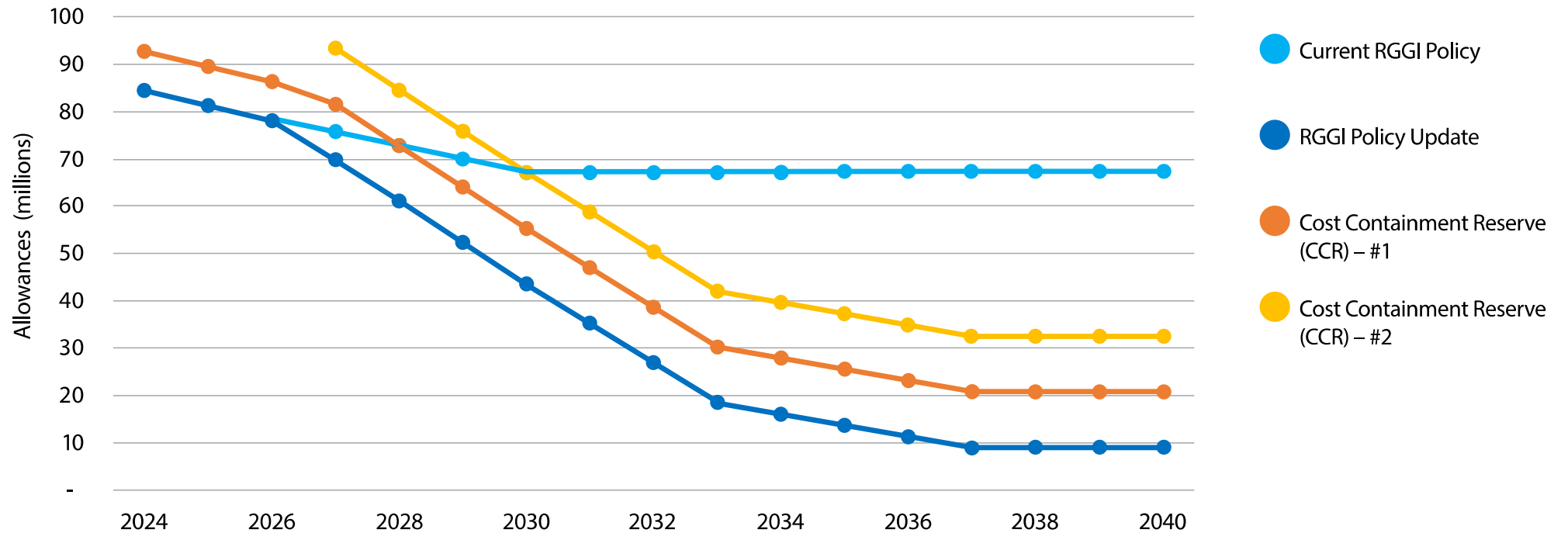
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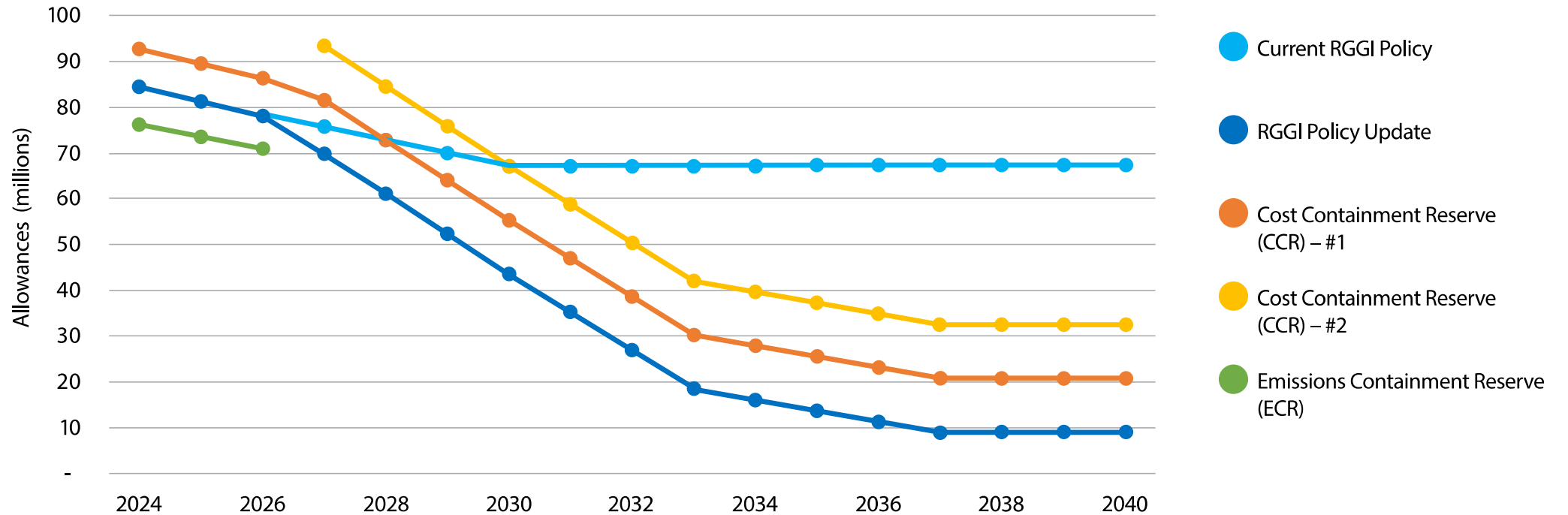
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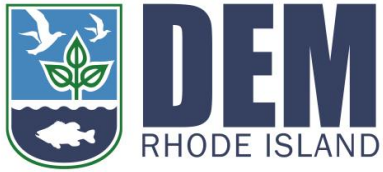
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4. Removed Offsets from RGGI Program
5. RGGI States commit to beginning a Fourth Program Review no later than 2028

All changes will be effective on January 1, 2027

Where are we in the rulemaking process?

- The RGGI regulations have been revised and are currently with DEM's Office of Legal Services for review.
- Following legal review, regulations will be submitted to the Office of Regulatory Reform (ORR).
- After ORR clearance, regulations will be submitted to the Secretary of State and posted to DEM website and a 30-day comment period will begin.
- Public comment period anticipated in the Nov – Dec timeframe and can be submitted to DEM.AirRGGI@dem.ri.gov

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