

**History of the American Meteorological Society (AMS)
Committee on Environmental Responsibility (CER)**

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April 2007 – AMS Executive Committee establishes the Ad Hoc Committee on Green Meetings to develop recommendations for environmentally responsible practices for AMS meetings. Members of the ad hoc committee were Eugene Cordero (Chair), Claudia Gorski, Tom Hamill, Paul Higgins, Marge Huntington, and Dian Seidel.

September 2007 - AMS Council adopts the AMS Green Conference Guidelines developed by the ad hoc committee. These were implemented at the 2008 AMS Annual Meeting in New Orleans, where at Town Hall meeting on the subject was organized to inform and engage AMS members.

April 2009 - AMS Executive Committee establishes the Committee on Environmental Responsibility (CER), as a standing committee of the Executive Council. Terms of reference for the new standing committee were approved in September 2009.

19 January 2010 - The CER held its first meeting at the AMS Annual Meeting in Atlanta, Georgia. Committee members included Eugene Cordero (Chair), Jennifer Alexander (Executive Committee liaison), Rich Clark, Claudia Gorski, Tom Hamill, Marge Huntington, Dian Seidel. During its inaugural year, the committee focused its efforts of the development of the AMS Professional Guidance Statement on Green Meetings, adopted by the AMS Council 3 January 2011, and on initiating a dialogue with the AMS Investments Committee regarding environmental considerations for the AMS financial investment portfolio.

24 January 2011 – The CER met for the second time at the AMS Annual Meeting in Seattle Washington, with Dian Seidel as Chair and a few new committee members (see CER Roster). At this meeting and a follow-up phone meeting in February, the CER developed a work plan with eight elements with two broad goals: greening AMS and outreach. Committee agreed to hold quarterly conference calls between meetings at the Annual Meeting.
