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U.S. EPA's State Climate and Energy Technical Forum & Local Climate and Energy Webcast Series

Climate Change Adaptation for State and Local Governments Part Two: Adaptation Planning and Implementation

December 15, 2010

We will start in a few minutes. Thank you for joining us.



Webcast Agenda



- Welcome
 - Julia Miller and Emma Zinsmeister, U.S. EPA State & Local Climate and Energy Program (5 min)
- Overview
 - Terri Cruce, Consultant, Pew Center on Global Climate Change and Georgetown Climate Center (15 min)
 - Q&A (5 min)
- State Perspective
 - Kurt Malchow, California Natural Resources Agency (15 min)
 - Q&A (5 min)
- Local Perspective
 - Mikaela Engert, City of Keene, NH (15 min)
 - Q&A (5 min)
- Facilitated Discussion
 - Catherine Morris, The Keystone Center (25 min)

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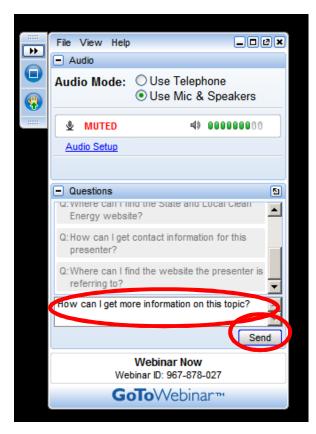


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 - http://www.epa.gov/statelocalclimate/web-podcasts/index.html
 - http://www.epatechforum.org/
- PDF and audio files of today's webinar will be available for download in a few weeks at these sites.

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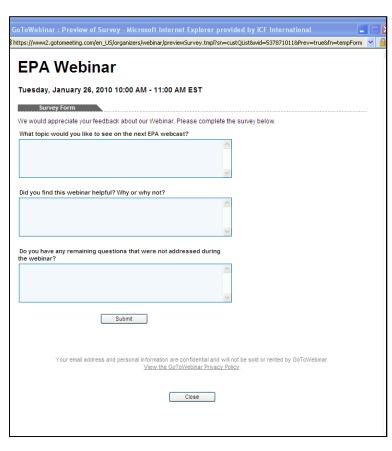
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U.S. EPA State and Local Climate and Energy Program: Who We Are





- Helps states, localities and tribal governments identify, analyze, implement and track the success of policies and programs that achieve multiple benefits:
 - reduce greenhouse gas emissions,
 - lower energy costs,
 - improve air quality, public health, and quality of life,
 - increase energy security and reliability and
 - achieve economic development goals.





<u>Clean Energy:</u> Energy Efficiency, Renewable Energy, Combined Heat and Power

U.S. EPA State and Local Climate and Energy Program: What We Offer



Comprehensive website provides State and Local governments with:

- Background on climate change topics, including adaptation
- Information to develop and implement climate mitigation policies and programs
- Links to a wide array of technical assistance resources and peer exchange opportunities, such as tools, guidance documents, webcasts, and podcasts
- Examples and case studies
- Developing a tribal element for the program



http://www.epa.gov/statelocalclimate/index.html

State Climate and Energy Partner Network



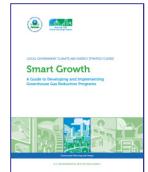
- Helps state energy, environmental and utility commission staff understand and explore climate change and clean energy policy and program options.
- In the partner network, you can:
 - Receive EPA's weekly summary of state climate and energy policy news.
 - Participate in the network listserv pose questions to colleagues and share information about initiatives and activities your state has undertaken.
 - Provide recommendations for topics and speakers for EPA's monthly State Climate and Energy Technical Forum Webcasts.
- To join the Network, please register at:

http://www.epa.gov/statelocalclimate/state/partner/index.html

Local Climate and Energy Program



- Helps local governments (e.g. regional, county, city, town, etc.) meet multiple sustainability goals with cost—effective climate change mitigation and clean energy strategies.
- Provides peer exchange training opportunities along with policy, technical, and analytical information for planning, implementing and evaluating programs/projects.
 - Local Government Climate & Energy Strategy Guides
 - Local Climate and Energy Webcasts
 - Climate Showcase Communities & other case studies



http://www.epa.gov/statelocalclimate/local/index.html

U.S. EPA Heat Island Reduction Program



- Heat islands describe the occurrence of measurably higher temperatures in densely built urban centers compared to surrounding suburban or rural areas.
- Mitigating the heat island effect can help adapt to future weather, climate, and health variations:
 - Precipitation (increased intensity and frequency)
 - Temperatures (higher)
 - Heat waves (increased frequency and length)
 - Heat-related illness (may increase due to higher temperatures and more frequent heat waves)
- Actions to address the heat island effect include increasing:
 - Vegetative cover (trees, vegetation, and green roofs)
 - Cool and reflective hard surfaces (roofs and pavements)
- Resources and more information about EPA's Heat Island Program are available at: http://www.epa.gov/heatislands/

Climate Change Impacts and Adaptation Resources



U.S. EPA State and Local Climate and Energy Program Website

- State Page: http://www.epa.gov/statelocalclimate/state/topics/impacts-adaption.html
- Local Page: http://www.epa.gov/statelocalclimate/local/topics/impacts-adaptation.html

Webcast Mini-Series: Climate Change Adaptation for State and Local Governments

Jointly hosted by EPA's State Climate and Energy Technical Forum and Local Climate and Energy Webcast Series

- Part One: Climate Impacts & Risk Communication November 18, 2010
- Part Two: Adaptation Planning and Implementation TODAY
- Part Three: Federal Resources & Support for Climate Change Adaptation
 - January 13, 2011 from 2:00-3:30 PM EST
 - Register at: https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/371104282

Additional Climate Change Impacts and Adaptation Resources



U.S. EPA Report: Climate Change Indicators in the United States

http://www.epa.gov/climatechange/indicators.html

U.S. Global Change Research Program

Brochures & regional fact sheets on climate impacts:
 http://www.globalchange.gov/publications/reports/scientific-assessments/us-impacts/usimpacts-brochures

Pew Center on Global Climate Change

Impacts analysis, legislative tracking, example adaptation plans:
 http://www.pewclimate.org/hottopics/adaptation

Georgetown Climate Center

Best practices, legal analysis, legislative tracking, example adaptation plans:
 http://www.georgetownclimate.org/adaptation/index.php

ICLEI-Local Governments for Sustainability

Guidebook, case studies, fact sheets, & links to other resources:
 http://www.icleiusa.org/programs/climate/Climate Adaptation/free-climate-adaptation-resources

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http://www.epa.gov/statelocalclimate/listservs/index.html#a01