

EPA Webcast Series - Climate Change Adaptation for State and Local Governments

EPA hosts the State Climate and Energy Technical Forums and Local Climate and Energy Webcast Series to assist local governments with climate change and clean energy efforts. These regular webcasts highlight EPA resources and present examples of successful state and local climate and energy programs and policies. For more information or to view past webcasts, visit: <http://www.epa.gov/statelocalclimate/web-podcasts/index.html>.

These webcasts will resume on November 18, 2010 with a three-part series on climate change adaptation for state and local governments. Participants will come away from the series with an understanding of why adaptation to climate change is critical and what actions can be taken at the state and local levels to build support for adaptation and increase community resilience.

November 18, 2010, 2:00-3:30 PM (EST): Climate Impacts and Risk Communication

The first webcast in this series will provide an introduction to adaptation by covering the impacts of climate change across different regions of the United States; the risk presented by these impacts; how climate adaptation differs from climate mitigation; and approaches to engaging various stakeholder groups—regardless of attitudes to climate change—and effectively communicating risk to build support for adaptation efforts in the common interest. A representative from a local government will discuss their experience working successfully with a range of stakeholders to promote adaptation within the community.

To register for this webcast, visit: <https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/289508083>. Please note that the audio portion of this webcast will only be available by dialing into a toll-free conference call.

December 2010: Adaptation Planning and Implementation

The second session of this webcast mini-series will focus on frameworks that state and local governments can use to assess vulnerability to climate change, develop adaptation action plans, and implement adaptation strategies for building resilience.

January 2011: Federal Resources and Support for Climate Change Adaptation The third webcast in this series will discuss the role of the federal government in promoting adaptation to climate change in the United States.