

Minimizing Climate Risks & Building a Climate Resilient Nation

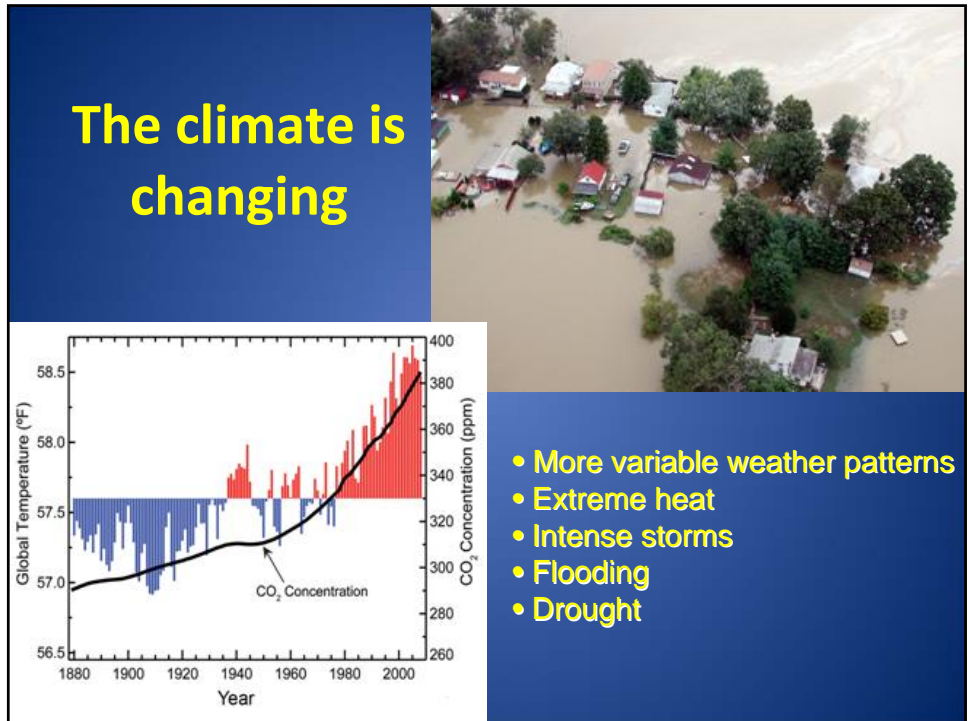
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Outline

- How is the climate changing?
- What does climate change adaptation mean?
- What is the Federal Government doing to reduce climate & weather-related risks?

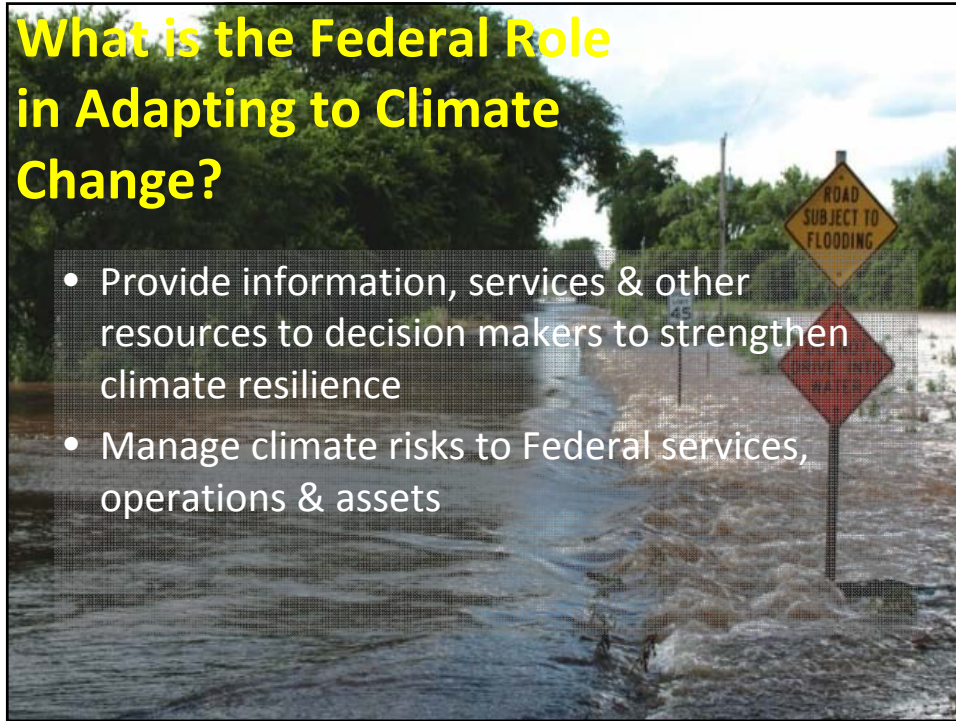


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What is the Federal Role in Adapting to Climate Change?

- Provide information, services & other resources to decision makers to strengthen climate resilience
- Manage climate risks to Federal services, operations & assets



How is the Federal Government adapting to Climate Change?

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- Active engagement of over 20 Federal organizations
- Implementing recommendations to minimize climate risks
- Coordination, exchange of best-practices
- Reporting on progress



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Principles to Guide Adaptation

1. Mainstream
2. Prioritize
3. Best-Available Science
4. Strong Partnerships
5. Risk-Management
6. Ecosystem Services
7. Co-Benefits
8. Evaluate Performance



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Disaster Preparedness & Infrastructure


- Improve disaster preparedness & recovery
- Protect critical infrastructure



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Transportation Infrastructure

- Improve resilience of highways, railways and ports to increased risks of flooding & damage from more intense storms



National Security

- Address climate risks in military planning & operations (QDR 2010)



National Security



- Evaluate and enhance military disaster preparedness & response capacity at home and abroad
- Prepare for accelerated instability & conflict (QDR 2010)

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Next Steps . . .



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<http://www.whitehouse.gov/administration/eop/ceq/initiatives/adaptation>

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