

management of heat island responses, and transportation impacts).

*VII. Future Scientific and Societal Needs:* This section of the report will contain information on (1) Science gap analysis for this round of assessment; (2) Priorities for climate science investments (including impacts and responses); and (3) Facilitating decisions related to climate impacts and responses.

*VIII. Appendices:* One or more appendices to the report will provide further information about tools, methodologies, guidelines, and assumptions for the NCA, including (1) long-term data sets; (2) models; (3) scales and interactions; (4) scenarios; (5) risk; (6) impact assessment; (7) vulnerability assessment; (8) economic and alternative valuation techniques; (9) dealing with uncertainty; (10) detecting changes through monitoring and observations; (11) knowledge management strategies; (12) communications and engagement; (13) interactions with other types of assessments; and (14) building capacity within regions and sectors for conducting and using assessments in the future.

#### Next Steps

The next steps in planning for the NCA include gathering inputs on a number of issue areas to help define the NCA process and expectations for its products. Public comments on the above NCA objectives and proposed topics and on the following issue areas may be used by the Interagency National Climate Assessment (INCA) Task Force and the National Climate Assessment Development and Advisory Committee, an advisory body being created at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration in compliance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, in their discussion of plans for developing the first draft of the this National Climate Assessment.

*Issue Areas:* The INCA Task Force has identified the need for discussion on important tools, methodologies, guidelines, and assumptions for assessment. USGCRP and the NCA team are actively soliciting input on the following topics:

- *Knowledge Management, Metadata, and Peer Review:* How to manage data, archiving, quality assurance/quality control, peer review, qualifications for inclusion of data in official Assessment documents; documentation of sources; chain of custody of information.
- *Communications and Engagement:* Ensuring consistent messages about

what we are trying to accomplish, encouraging co-production of information between government and external stakeholders, coordination with other Federal climate-related programs, design of documents and tailored communications with a variety of partners.

- *Economic and Alternative Valuation Techniques and Metrics for Climate Change Impacts, Adaptation, and Mitigation:* Ways of evaluating the effectiveness of adaptation and mitigation options using tools that acknowledge non-monetary values and inter-generational benefits.

- *Vulnerability Assessments:* Identification of approaches to evaluating the relative vulnerability of ecological and social communities and approaches to prioritization of risk across sectors and regions.

- *Planning for Regional and Sectoral Assessments:* Methods to ensure consistent approaches to building regional and sectoral components of the assessment.

- *Role of International Climate Impacts and Responses, and their Implications for the United States:* The ways in which the NCA will consider the implications of stresses that are generated elsewhere in the globe and to consider the global context for the NCA process.

- *Scenarios for Climate Change Assessment:* Methods for the development and use of consistent projections of possible future conditions for use within NCA activities.

- *Climate Change Modeling and Downscaling:* Issues and methodological perspectives related to selecting model and downscaling outputs and approaches for their use in NCA activities. This includes socioeconomic, land use, and other model types and outputs, in addition to climate model outputs.

- *Monitoring Climate Change and its Impacts:* Selecting from existing monitoring and observing systems and a variety of impact reports to design an integrated, ongoing monitoring system for the NCA. This includes establishing a long-term, consistent approach to documenting climate impacts and trends (including developing indicators of, e.g., impacts to the built environment and energy sectors, impacts on and responses of natural systems, socio-

economic and public health trends, and disasters and extreme events).

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

### Sunshine Act Meeting

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the Government in the Sunshine Act, Public Law 94-409, that the Securities and Exchange Commission will hold a Closed Meeting on Friday, September 10, 2010 at 10 a.m.

Commissioners, Counsel to the Commissioners, the Secretary to the Commission, and recording secretaries will attend the Closed Meeting. Certain staff members who have an interest in the matters also may be present.

The General Counsel of the Commission, or his designee, has certified that, in his opinion, one or more of the exemptions set forth in 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(3), (5), (7), 9(B) and (10) and 17 CFR 200.402(a)(3), (5), (7), 9(ii) and (10), permit consideration of the scheduled matters at the Closed Meeting.

Commissioner Casey, as duty officer, voted to consider the items listed for the Closed Meeting in a closed session.

The subject matter of the Closed Meeting scheduled for Friday, September 10, 2010 will be:

Institution and settlement of injunctive actions;  
 Institution and settlement of administrative proceedings;  
 Adjudicatory matters; and  
 Other matters relating to enforcement proceedings.

At times, changes in Commission priorities require alterations in the scheduling of meeting items.

For further information and to ascertain what, if any, matters have been added, deleted or postponed, please contact:

The Office of the Secretary at (202) 551-5400.

Dated: September 2, 2010.

**Elizabeth M. Murphy,**  
*Secretary.*

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