



State of Maryland Commission on Climate Change

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Commission on Climate Change

PURPOSE

Advise the Governor and General Assembly on matters related to climate change

TASK

Develop a Plan of Action to:

- 1) Address the drivers and causes of climate change
- 2) Prepare for the likely consequences and impacts of climate change to Maryland
- 3) Establish firm benchmarks and timetables for implementing Plan of Action



Commission on Climate Change

- Membership: State Agency representatives & General Assembly members
- Chair: Designated by Governor from among membership
- Staffing: MDE & DNR

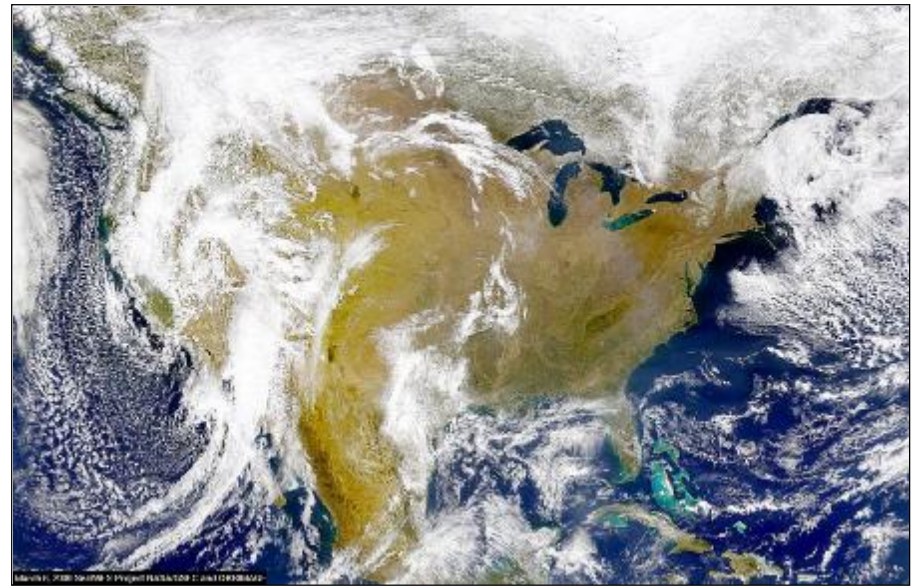




Scientific and Technical Working Group

Chair: University of Maryland

- Advise the Commission and other Working Groups on the scientific and technical aspects of climate change
- Develop a Comprehensive Climate Change Impact Assessment





Greenhouse Gas & Carbon Mitigation Working Group

Chair: Department of Environment

- Evaluate and recommend goals to reduce Maryland's greenhouse gas emissions
- Develop a Comprehensive Greenhouse Gas and Carbon Footprint Reduction Strategy





Adaptation & Response Working Group

Chair: Department of Natural Resources

- Recommend strategies for reducing the vulnerability of the State's coastal, natural and cultural resources and communities to the impacts of climate change
- Develop a Comprehensive Strategy for Reducing Maryland's Climate Change Vulnerability





Reporting

November, 2007

- Update on Plan of Action
- Implementation timetable and benchmarks
- Preliminary recommendations
- Draft legislation

April, 2008

Plan of Action

- Climate Change Impact Assessment
- Greenhouse Gas and Carbon Footprint Reduction Strategy
- Strategy for Reducing Maryland's Climate Change Vulnerability