

# EPA Publishes its 2021 Climate Adaptation Action Plan.

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**WASHINGTON (Oct. 7, 2021)** – Today, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) released its [Climate Adaptation Action Plan](#), which describes steps EPA will take to address the impacts of climate change on communities across the Nation, as part of President Joe Biden’s whole-of-government approach to confronting the climate crisis. EPA also launched a new [Climate Adaptation web page](#) that will act as a hub for climate adaptation resources from across EPA.

“This plan is an integral part of EPA’s commitment to bold and decisive action to help the country anticipate, prepare for, adapt to, and recover from the devastating impacts of climate change,” said **EPA Administrator Michael S. Regan**. “From fires in the West, to widespread drought, and the wide path of destruction left by Hurricane Ida from Louisiana to New York, recent and current events show the impact our changing climate is having on our lives and livelihoods.”

Pursuant to President Biden’s [Executive Order 14008](#), EPA’s approach to tackling the climate crisis is an important step in mitigating the effects of climate change. The 2021 Climate Adaptation Action Plan lays out several priorities for the agency to implement in the coming months and years, including:

- Integrating climate adaptation and consideration of climate impacts into EPA programs, policies, rulemaking processes, and enforcement activities;
- Consulting and partnering with Tribes; state, local, and territorial governments, and other federal agencies; community groups; scientists and adaptation experts; businesses; and other stakeholders to increase the resilience of the nation, with a particular focus on advancing environmental justice; and
- Implementing measures to protect the agency’s workforce, facilities, critical infrastructure, supply chains, and procurement processes from the risks posed by climate change.

The Biden-Harris Administration has set the most ambitious climate change mitigation and adaptation goals in U.S. history, and EPA will play a central role in delivering on those commitments. EPA has already taken action to reduce climate pollution and will continue to implement the agenda in the months to come. At the same time, EPA will use its authorities and resources to help communities prepare for the serious climate impacts that are already underway.

Climate disruption often hits overburdened communities and people the hardest. As EPA implements this action plan, it will consider the disproportionate impacts of climate change on those who are already vulnerable, including low-income communities and communities of color, children, the elderly, Tribes, and Indigenous people. EPA will engage with underserved and vulnerable communities to ensure that our adaptation plans follow the principles of environmental justice and equity.

Anticipating and recovering from the impacts of climate change will require all levels of government to work together. EPA's climate adaptation strategies will be informed by the best available science and will deliver co-benefits for mitigation of GHG and other pollution, public health, economic growth and job creation, national security, and environmental justice—all of which will be central to building a more resilient future.

In addition to these plans, President Biden's Build Back Better Agenda and the [Bipartisan Infrastructure Deal](#) include bold, historic, and transformational investments to strengthen our nation's resilience to climate change and extreme weather events, including upgrading power infrastructure, rebuilding America's roads and bridges, and more.

The White House Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) and Office of Management and Budget seek public input on all agency climate adaptation plans. Members of the public may submit comments via the docket at <https://www.regulations.gov/> (Docket ID: CEQ–2021–0003) until Nov. 6, 2021. CEQ also will hold a virtual convening this fall with national organizations who have expertise in climate adaptation and resilience or have expressed interest in agency plans.

For more information on the Climate Adaptation Action Plan, visit: <https://www.epa.gov/climate-adaptation/climate-adaptation-plan>

For more information on Executive Order 14008, visit: <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2021/01/27/executive-order-on-tackling-the-climate-crisis-at-home-and-abroad/>

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