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Chapter 14 – Communications

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Communications Objectives

- Dissemination of credible and reliable research findings
- Widespread availability to diverse audiences
- Two-way communications with stakeholders
- Openness and transparency

Summary of NRC and Public Comments

- Need clear identification of stakeholders and stakeholder needs
- Stakeholder *dialog* rather than one-way, top down interaction (networking and partnerships)
- Lack of specificity, commitment, plan of action, resource needs, timeframes

Responses to NRC and public comments

- Decision-types identified in Chapter 11; Decision support process will further identify stakeholders and “learn from constituencies through ongoing dialogue and feedback mechanisms.”
- CCSP pilot projects to improve “two way communications” with stakeholders; guiding principles of decision support approach
- CCSP to “develop a comprehensive communications implementation and funding plan” by end of 2003 through interagency working group



Communications Implementation

- Formalize and engage outreach and communications group
- Build on existing resources and explore new communications/information sharing opportunities
- Develop implementation plan