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Talking Points on U.S. Climate Action Report 2002

- On May 28, 2002, the U.S. Government transmitted an electronic file of the U.S. Climate Action Report 2002, which represents the third national communication submitted by the United States to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.
- Subsequent press coverage of the document in June incorrectly characterized it as a change in Administration views on the science of climate change. In fact, the climate action report is entirely consistent with previous Administration statements on climate change.
- In addition, statements in Chapter 6 of the document (which focused on vulnerability and adaptation to climate change) were mischaracterized as realistic forecasts of potential climate change impacts, rather than as projections based on several "what-if" scenarios.
- To stress again the level of uncertainty in regional forecasts of climate change and in estimates of potential climate change impacts, two text boxes describing the uncertainty in climate change regional projections and impacts were copied from Chapter 1 (the executive summary) and repeated again on the first page of Chapter 6.
- In addition, minor typographical changes were also made in Chapter 6 to correct two formatting errors (misplaced headings and reversed labels on a graphic).
- An electronic copy and 500 hard copies of the final document are being delivered to the UNFCCC Secretariat in Bonn and to Members of Congress. In addition, copies of the document are available for purchase from the Government Printing Office or downloaded from the internet at (<http://www.epa.gov/globalwarming/publications/car/index.html>).