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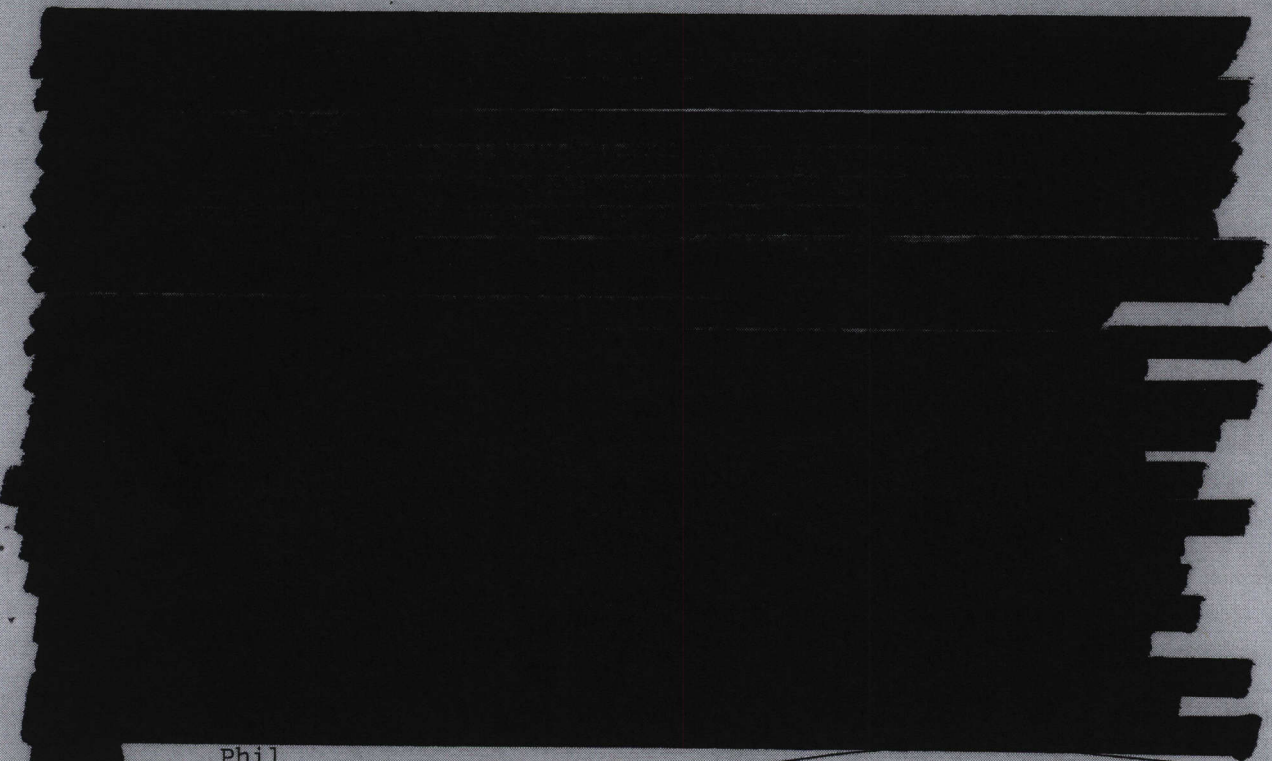
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Excerpts from National Assessment website below:



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Website excerpts:

Was this National Assessment mandated?

The United States Global Change Research Program (USGCRP) is mandated by statute with the responsibility to undertake scientific assessments of the potential consequences of global change for the United States. The "Global Change Research Act of 1990" (P.L. 101-606) states that the Federal government "shall prepare and submit to the President and the Congress an assessment which:

- integrates, evaluates, and interprets the findings of the Program and discusses the scientific uncertainties associated with such findings;
- analyzes the effects of global change on the natural environment, agriculture, energy production and use, land and water resources, transportation, human health and welfare, human social systems, and biological diversity; and
- analyzes current trends in global change, both human-induced and natural, and projects major trends for the

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subsequent 25 to 100 years."

How is the National Assessment organized?

A National Assessment Synthesis Team (NAST) is responsible for broad intellectual leadership and preparation of the Synthesis Report. The NAST is a FACA-chartered committee with roughly a dozen members drawn from government, academia, and the private sector. A National Assessment Working Group (NAWG) coordinates the participation of the federal agencies who are sponsoring and catalyzing the assessment and has also provided significant intellectual input into the development of the overall assessment strategy. A National Assessment Coordination Office (NACO) links the various components and tracks progress. NACO is expected to help provide a framework within which the efforts of large numbers of local, regional, and Federal participants can interact with the national assessment process in ways that provide useful insights and results for the National Synthesis, and to promote development of stakeholder networks that will develop useful insights for their own purposes, quite apart from any final National Synthesis. Each region and sector is sponsored by a federal agency and implemented by an assessment team.

Who is "in charge" of the National Assessment?

The parent body within the US Government for the National Assessment is the Committee on Environment and

Natural Resources (CENR), which is a subsidiary body of the National Science and Technology Council, chaired by the President. The CENR has delegated responsibility for oversight of assessment activities to

its Subcommittee on Global Change Research (SGCR), which is the parent committee for the USGCRP.

The SGCR has broad responsibilities for research planning and coordination among the Federal agencies.

With respect to the National Assessment, the SGCR has been charged with overall coordination, implementation, and sponsorship of the national assessment process.

Individual agencies, in cooperation with the SGCR/NAWG, have lead responsibility for organizing and sponsoring the sectoral analyses under the guidelines established by the NAST and SGCR/NAWG.

Each sectoral team will be composed of both public and private participants.

Who is "in charge" of each region and of what ends up in the regional report? Each sector?

Each region has at least one Regional Coordinator and one Agency Contact, representing the sponsoring agency.

In addition, many regions have both a Steering Committee to focus on general strategy, and an Assessment Team

to conduct the analysis. It is important that all of these mechanisms are working together so that the assessment is

reflective of broad interests and perspectives in its strategy, conduct and findings. In addition, each report will go



through review and revision. Finally, the NAWG is assisting with developing a coordinated strategy across regions and for troubleshooting. However, ultimate responsibility for each regional report and the overall conduct of each regional assessment rests with the Regional Coordinator(s) and Agency Contact(s).

Similarly, each sector has two Co-Chairs (one from government, one from outside of government), an Agency Contact, and an Assessment Team. While the regions are monitored by the NAWG, the sectors are monitored and guided by the NAST. However, the Co-Chairs and Agency Contact have ultimate responsibility.

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Thanks, Phil. Just refreshed the Administrator on this.

Do you recall the makeup of the NAST team & how they got their charge?

Tom