

ARMS 4

RECORD TYPE: FEDERAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Frank Maisano <fmaisano@PCGPR.COM> (Frank Maisano <fmaisano@PCGPR.COM> [UN

CREATION DATE/TIME: 25-FEB-2003 19:08:52.00

SUBJECT: Fwd: George Marshall Comments on NAS Report

TO: Dana M. Perino (CN=Dana M. Perino/OU=CEQ/O=EOP@EOP [CEQ])

READ: UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Date: Tue, 25 Feb 2003 18:46:11 -0500

From: "Frank Maisano" <fmaisano@PCGPR.COM>

Subject: George Marshall Comments on NAS Report

To: "Frank Maisano" <fmaisano@PCGPR.COM>

MIME-version: 1.0

Content-type: multipart/mixed;

boundary="Boundary_(ID_MsGdRf/MZ61X2N189IwJ1w)"

Friends,

Here are comments from the George Marshall Institute, who commented extensively to the NAS... Many of their comments were incorporated into this report.

You may wish to contact Bill O'Keefe c. (202) 251-4625

Best,

Frank Maisano
c. (202) 297-1502

February 26, 2002

MARSHALL INSTITUTE COMMENDS NATIONAL ACADEMIES' CLIMATE SCIENCE

REVIEW:

Stresses Need to Prioritize Climate Research

Today's National Academies report, Planning Climate and Global Change Research, provides a valuable service by providing a constructive critique of the Administration's draft Climate Change Strategic Plan.

"We join the Academy in commending the Administration for its outreach to the broader scientific community and agree that these efforts indicate a strong interest in developing a plan that is responsive to national needs," Marshall Institute President William O'Keefe said.

The George Marshall Institute also examined the Administration's draft plan in detail. Based on comments submitted to the Department of Commerce in mid-January, Climate Change Science: Marshall Institute's Review of the Draft Climate Change Science Program Strategic Plan, the Institute lays out its recommendations for improving the draft Strategic Plan (available at <http://www.marshall.org>).

The Academy comments also reinforce those made by a majority of the participants at the Workshop convened last December to engage stakeholders in the planning process.

In convening that Workshop, Assistant Secretary Mahoney provided a valuable context by indicating that the draft had been designed to

GEORGE C.
Marshall
I N S T I T U T E

February 26, 2002

Contact: Mark Herlong (202/296-9655)

**MARSHALL INSTITUTE COMMENDS NATIONAL
ACADEMIES' CLIMATE SCIENCE REVIEW:
Stresses Need to Prioritize Climate Research**

Today's National Academies report, *Planning Climate and Global Change Research*, provides a valuable service by providing a constructive critique of the Administration's draft Climate Change Strategic Plan.

"We join the Academy in commending the Administration for its outreach to the broader scientific community and agree that these efforts indicate a strong interest in developing a plan that is responsive to national needs," Marshall Institute President William O'Keefe said.

The George Marshall Institute also examined the Administration's draft plan in detail. Based on comments submitted to the Department of Commerce in mid-January, *Climate Change Science: Marshall Institute's Review of the Draft Climate Change Science Program Strategic Plan*, the Institute lays out its recommendations for improving the draft Strategic Plan (available at <http://www.marshall.org>).

The Academy comments also reinforce those made by a majority of the participants at the Workshop convened last December to engage stakeholders in the planning process.

In convening that Workshop, Assistant Secretary Mahoney provided a valuable context by indicating that the draft had been designed to provoke discussion and comment. His measure of success for the effort was the extent of change made to the draft. By omitting this context, the Academy risks a widespread misunderstanding of its review and the Administration's efforts.

In the end, the Academy report, as well as others from the scientific community, reaffirm a few basic facts:

- Our current state of knowledge is inadequate for distinguishing human impacts from natural variability,
- Progress in improving our state of knowledge is tied to a commitment and funding to improve our observational data system, and
- For models to be more useful, they must be based more on confirmed scientific facts and less on unvalidated hypotheses.

The George Marshall Institute (GMI) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization founded in 1984 to encourage the use of sound science in making public policy. Decisions and conclusions about many public policy matters are shaped by advances in science and technology. For that reason, unbiased and scientifically accurate assessments of the significance of these advances for policy are critical.

George Marshall Institute
1625 K St, NW
Suite 1050
Washington, D.C. 20005
202/296-9655
info@marshall.org
<http://www.marshall.org>