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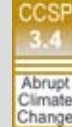


















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	Temperature Trends in the Lower Atmosphere: Steps for Understanding and Reconciling Differences
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	Arctic Climate Impact Assessment
	National Research Council, Transportation Research Board: The Potential Impacts of Climate Change on U.S. Transportation, <i>Climate Variability and Change with Implications for Transportation</i>

ACRONYMS

ARS: Agricultural Research Service
 CCSP: Climate Change Science Program
 CIESIN: Center for International Earth Science Information Network
 CIRES: Cooperative Institute for Research in Environmental Sciences
 CMIP: Coupled Model Intercomparison Project
 DOE: Department of Energy
 EIA: Energy Information Administration
 GAO: General Accounting Office
 IARC: International Arctic Research Center
 IPCC: Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change
 NASA: National Aeronautics and Space Administration
 NASS: National Agricultural Statistics Service
 NAST: National Assessment Synthesis Team
 NCDC: National Climatic Data Center
 NESDIS: National Environmental Satellite, Data, and Information Service
 NOAA: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
 NRCS: Natural Resources Conservation Service
 NSIDC: National Snow and Ice Data Center
 NWS: National Weather Service
 NWFSC: Northwest Fisheries Science Center
 PISCO: Partnership for Interdisciplinary Studies of Coastal Oceans
 PLJV: Playa Lakes Joint Venture
 SAP: Synthesis and Assessment Product
 SRH: Southern Regional Headquarter
 USACE: United States Army Corps of Engineers
 USBR: United States Bureau of Reclamation
 USDA: United States Department of Agriculture
 USDOE: United States Department of Energy
 USEPA: United States Environmental Protection Agency
 USFS: United States Forest Service
 USGAO: United States Government Accountability Office
 USGS: United States Geological Survey

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 - Data from 979 U.S. stations having long periods of record and high quality.
 - At each station, a day was considered hot if the maximum temperature for that day was at or above the 90% of daily maximum temperatures at that station.
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