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# Understanding and Disclosing Climate Risks: EPA Climate Leaders

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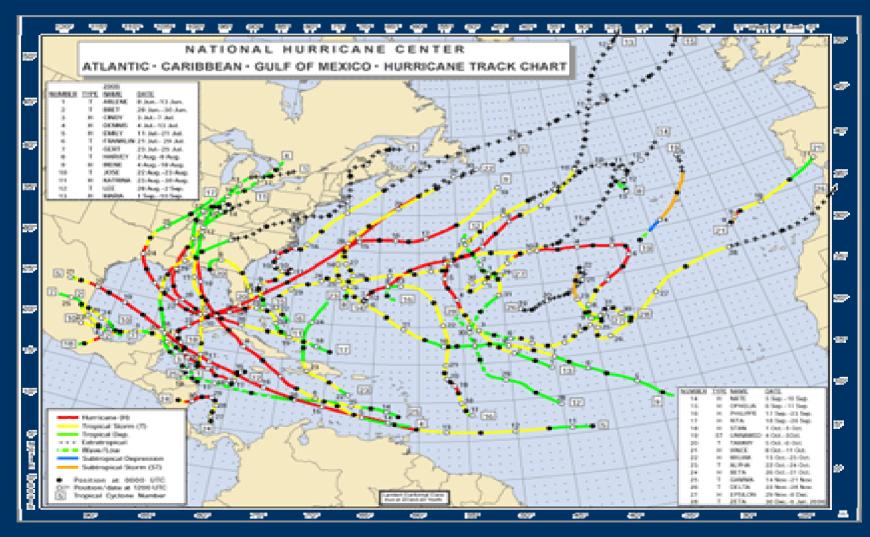
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# Drivers for Corporate Consideration of Climate Risk

Significance of New Corporate Governance & Disclosure Requirements:

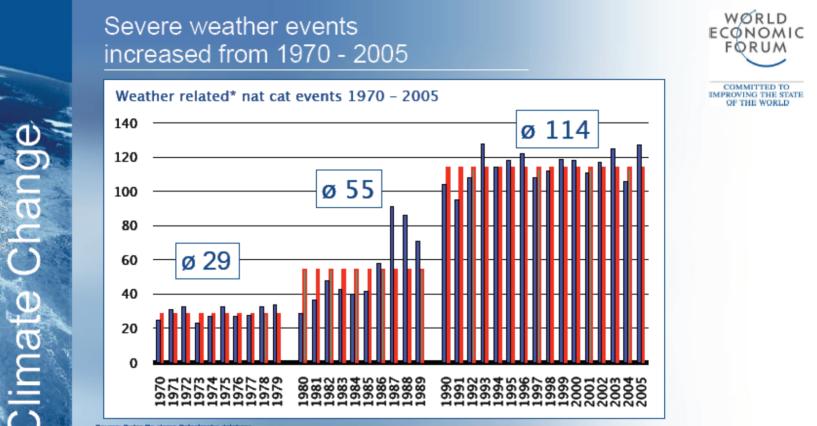
- General Atmosphere of Corporate Transparency:
  - Shareholder Resolutions
  - Shareholder Derivative Suits
  - Whistle Blowers
  - Mega-Settlements
  - SEC investigations
  - Corporate earnings restatements
  - Big hits on Corporate Valuations
- Sarbanes-Oxley lens
- SEC focus on environmental issues as related to fair presentation of corporate financial picture (GAO Report)
- Emerging Legal Literature on Climate Reporting Requirements (Cravath, Goodwin Proctor)

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Source: Swiss Re sigma Catastrophe database \* Incl. floods, storms, droughts, forest fires, cold waves & frost, hall, and other

### Name Your Climate Risk— Consequences to Think About

- Storms, wildfires, windstorms, sea-level rise effect on facilities, power, transport, communications
- Heat waves and new disease vectors
- Lost business resources: forest resources, water supplies, biodiversity
- Reputational risks; shareholder concerns; litigation possibilities
- Compliance and competitive risks

# Drivers for Corporate Consideration of Climate Risk

#### **U.S. Regulatory Drivers: State-Based Regulatory Activities**

Northeastern Regional Compact (RGGI) Northwestern State Regional Compact State power plant regulation California Automobile regulation Northeastern States Opt in to California Autos California Economy-Wide Regulation 19 State Renewable Energy Portfolios 250 Municipalities "adopt" Kyoto Protocol

#### The Latest Climate Events in the U.S. are Transforming Climate Risk into a Fundamental Governance Integrity Issue

- Carbon Disclosure Project Report on \$31 trillion of institutional investor action and Shareholder Resolutions;
- Global Framework for Climate Risk Disclosure
- Competitive benchmarking and analytics (Merrill Lynch, JP Morgan Chase) leading to new California public nuisance litigation against auto companies – the new asbestos or smoking??
- Climate litigation reaches the Supreme Court
- Financial Institution Voluntary Loan Policies: J.P. Morgan Chase, Citigroup, Bank of America, Goldman Sachs
- The National Association of Insurance Commissioners' new Climate Change Task Force

## MMC Climate Risk Industry Leadership



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### Marsh Leadership on Climate Change Risk Management

- Global Risk Network Report (January)
- New Reality of Risk Call (February)
- Climate Risk Alert (April)
- Affiliation with Pew Center on Global Climate Change's Business Environmental Leadership Council (July)
- Clinton Global Initiative commitment with Yale and Ceres on training corporate directors (September)
- Carbon Disclosure Project recognition as Best in Class Climate Leadership Index (September)

## **MMC Climate Risk Industry Leadership**

#### **RISK SIDE**

- Risk Mapping and Assessment
- Driving new insurance product development
- Economic analysis for emissions trading regulatory design and corporate strategy

#### **OPPORTUNITY/ NEW MARKETS SIDE**

- Renewable energy operational risk insurance coverage (eg., wind, hydro, solar, biomass)
- Optimizing carbon value credit delivery guarantees

### **Best Practices to Manage Climate Uncertainty**

- Understand and quantify risks:
  - Business continuity, supply chain, facility sighting
- Develop GHG emissions baselines
- Gain emissions credit trading experience
- Adequately disclose and reserve for business and regulatory risks;
- Cap and manage risks through available insurance
- Evaluate new revenue opportunities from carbon trading