Dear Parents/Legal Guardian,

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and its partner, the National Environmental Education Foundation, are hosting a video contest titled "Climate Change In Focus" for middle school students as a part of an outreach effort to stimulate interest in the environment.

In order for your child's video to be considered you must review and sign the attached parental consent form (Attachment 1), and review the notice to parents submitting materials in response to this contest (Attachment 2).

For more information on the contest and how to enter please visit: <u>http://www.epa.gov/climatestudents/contest.html</u>

Sincerely, The EPA/NEEF Team

Attachment 1

PARENTAL CONSENT FORM

THE PARENT / GUARDIAN

Full Name – Print (hereinafter referred to as "the Parent / Guardian")

THE CHILD

Full Name - Print (hereinafter referred to as "the Child")

Child's Birth Date: ______Address : _____

As the parent and/or legal guardian of the above-named child, I hereby grant a non-exclusive, no-cost, worldwide, transferable, irrevocable license in all media and languages now or hereafter known to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) authorizing EPA and others acting on its behalf, including the National Environmental Education Foundation (NEEF), to publish, use, duplicate, disclose, exhibit, display, modify or edit the attached video entry, which is titled, ______

and authored by the Child, including any audio recordings, transcriptions, and presentation materials ("the Work"). I understand and agree that the Work may be edited and used in whole or in part for the EPA's or NEEF's purposes, including broadcast, publication, promotion, and publicity, including posting to the worldwide web and inclusion in the public access file created for this activity.

<u>If the Child is 14 years of age or older</u>, I understand that, at this time, the EPA and/or NEEF intends to post the Work with the Child's full name, age, and state of residence to be listed as the Work's author on the EPA's or NEEF's public web site.

For children 13 years of age or younger, EPA policy limits the information to be posted to the Child's first name, age, and state of residence, "unless the parent makes a hardcopy request to have additional information posted."

If the Child is 13 years of age or younger and you would prefer the Child's full name to be posted along with the Child's age and state of residence, please place an "X" here (otherwise, please leave blank) ______.

I represent and warrant that I am authorized to provide the license granted herein, and that (1) the Work is original to the above-named Child, and does not contain any material that would violate the copyrights, trademarks, or any other property rights of others, or (2) that I have obtained sufficient rights with respect to any third party materials included in the Work to provide the license herein.

Signed (Parent / Guardian)

Date

Print Name (Parent / Guardian)

Attachment 2

NOTICE TO PARENTS AND PERSONS SUBMITTING MATERIALS IN RESPONSE TO THIS CONTEST

It is EPA policy to collect no information online about or from children age 13 and under except when it is needed to identify a submission or to answer a question. Any such instances on Web sites for children will be clearly marked, and a separate privacy notice will be posted on that Web site. Information submitted online to EPA will not be used for another purpose or shared with third parties, unless required by law, nor will personally identifying information be published on EPA's Web site, except as provided below. When the activity is completed, the identifying information will be deleted within six months, in accordance with the approved EPA records schedule.

As part of an outreach effort to stimulate interest in the environment, EPA is requesting interested students as represented by their parent or legal guardian to submit videos. By submitting videos, the submitting party, i.e., child/parent/guardian, agrees and provides express permission for the Agency to post or publish the video on EPA external and internal Web sites or in other EPA publications, at EPA's discretion. EPA will not identify children, i.e., will not publish the full name or address. Except as provided below, EPA will publish only the first name of the child, age, and the child's state of residence.

EPA requests that parents/guardians submit consent forms allowing EPA and the National Environmental Education Foundation to post winning entrants' full name, age, and state of residence, and to use the images of the children (in video clips or stills) in promotional materials.

Teachers who wish to submit a video on behalf of their class must first obtain and submit parental consent forms (Attachment 1) for each child named, or appearing in, the video.

For more information about EPA's Children's Privacy Policy, see: http://www2.epa.gov/webguide/privacy-and-security-notice