

February 24, 2003

Dear Friend,

On behalf of the New England Governors' Conference, Inc. (NEGC) and the Conference of New England Governors and Eastern Canadian Premiers (NEG/ECP), I invite you to participate in the NEG/ECP symposium "**Climate Change in New England and Eastern Canada: Impacts and Adaptation Responses**", which will take place in Boston Massachusetts March 15-16, 2004. An agenda, hotel information and registration materials are available at [www.negc.org](http://www.negc.org).

This symposium is being conducted to support some of the action items in the NEG/ECP Climate Change Action Plan 2001. While the Plan focuses largely on emission reductions, it also includes components addressing adaptation to climate change.

This important symposium will bring together scientists and policy-makers from the U.S. and Canada to explore the scientific understanding of the environmental and economic impacts of climate variability and change on natural resources in the northeast. Participants will discuss options and develop action strategies for managing adaptation to a changing climate. Conference goals include:

- Providing natural resource managers, policy-makers and other stakeholders a strong base of scientific knowledge about the present and potential impacts of climate change on the region's natural resources.
- Exploring examples of management strategies that have been undertaken as well as considering assessment measures of success of those actions.
- Developing recommendations to the governors and premiers for further action in these areas.

I hope you'll be able to participate in this exciting event. Since space is limited, please register as soon as possible.

Regards,

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