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A detailed overview of the consequences of climate change and mechanisms for adaptation

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Back issues (July 1998 through September 2000) of [Acclimations](#), Newsletter of the National Assessment. Includes interesting articles on the National Assessment **process**.

Other older assessments available online:

- [Preparing for an Uncertain Climate](#). Report from the US Congress, Office of Technology Assessment, October 1993.
- [The Potential Effects of Global Climate Change on the United States](#). Report from the US Environmental Protection Agency, December 1989.

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[Climate Change Assessment: Administration Did Not Meet Reporting Deadline](#) [PDF]. Report (dtd 14 April 2005; publicly released 22 April 2005) from the U.S. Congress, Government Accountability Office. (link posted 22 April 2005)