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Stemming the tide? US preparedness for the health effects of climate change

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US federal policy has not been proactive recently...

Bush Aide Softened Greenhouse Gas Links to Global Warming

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A White House official who once led the oil industry's fight against limits on greenhouse gases has repeatedly edited government climate reports in ways that play down links between such emissions and global warming, according to internal documents.

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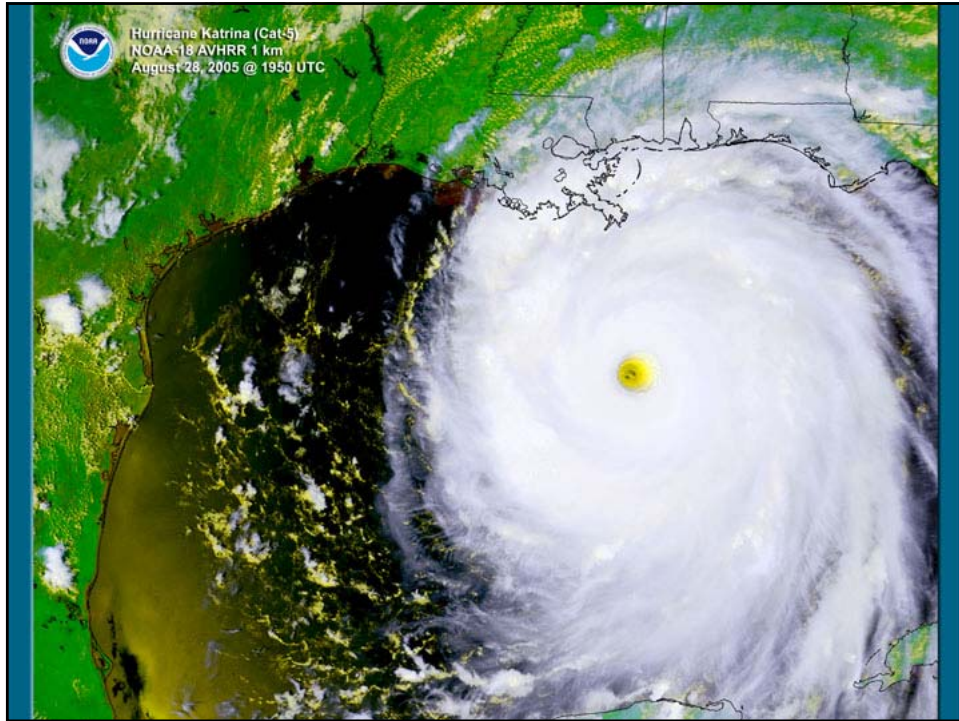
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In handwritten notes on drafts of several reports issued in 2002 and 2003, the official, Philip A. Cooney, removed or adjusted descriptions of climate research that government scientists and their supervisors, including some senior Bush administration officials, had already approved. In many cases, the changes appeared in the final reports.

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Hurricane Katrina: a teachable moment?



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Adaptation or preparedness?

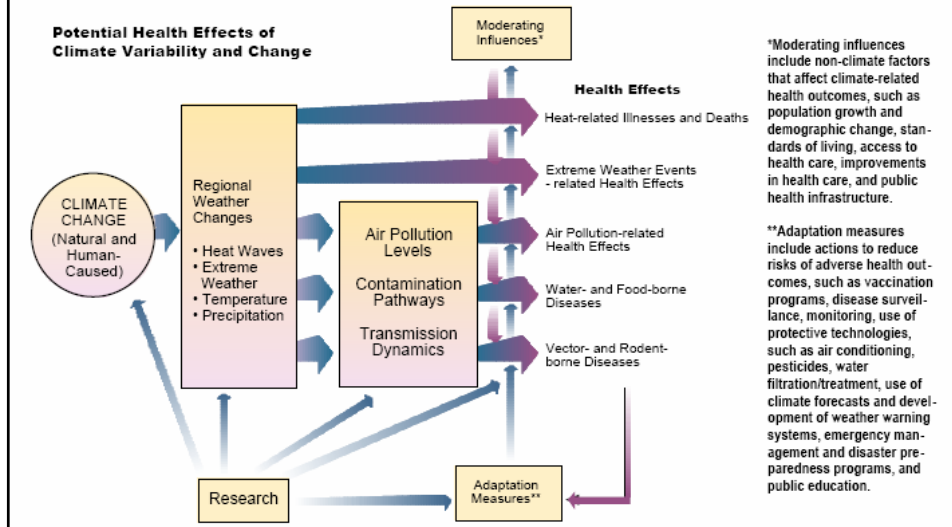


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The tide is turning in the US



US National Assessment



Many US federal agencies involved

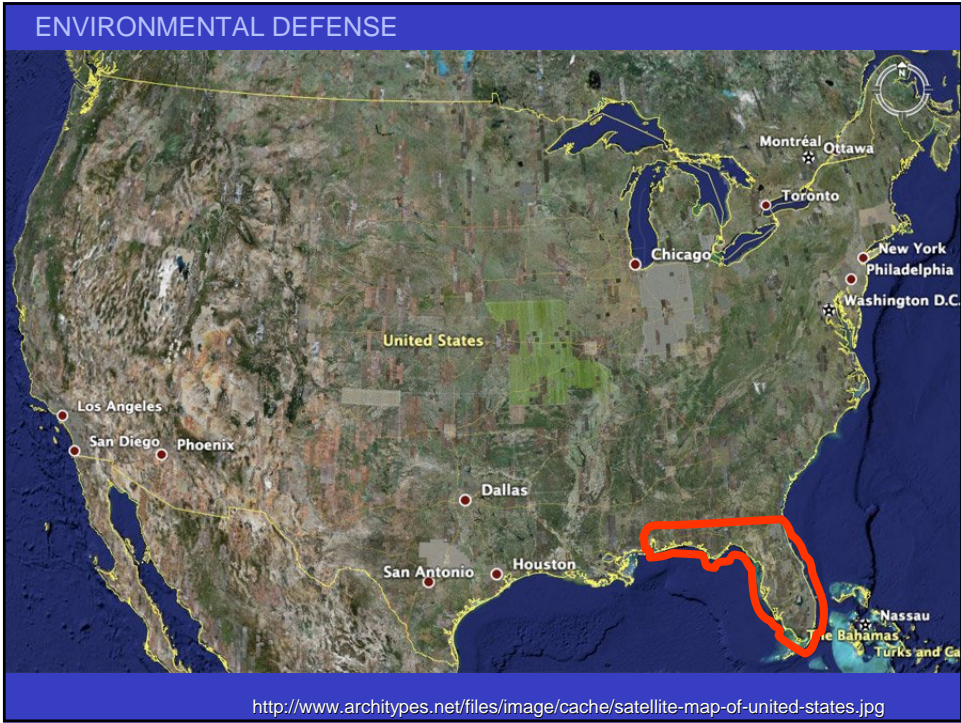
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 - Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- US Environmental Protection Agency
 - Global Change Research Program
- Dept. of Homeland Security
- Nat'l Oceanic and Atmospheric Adm.

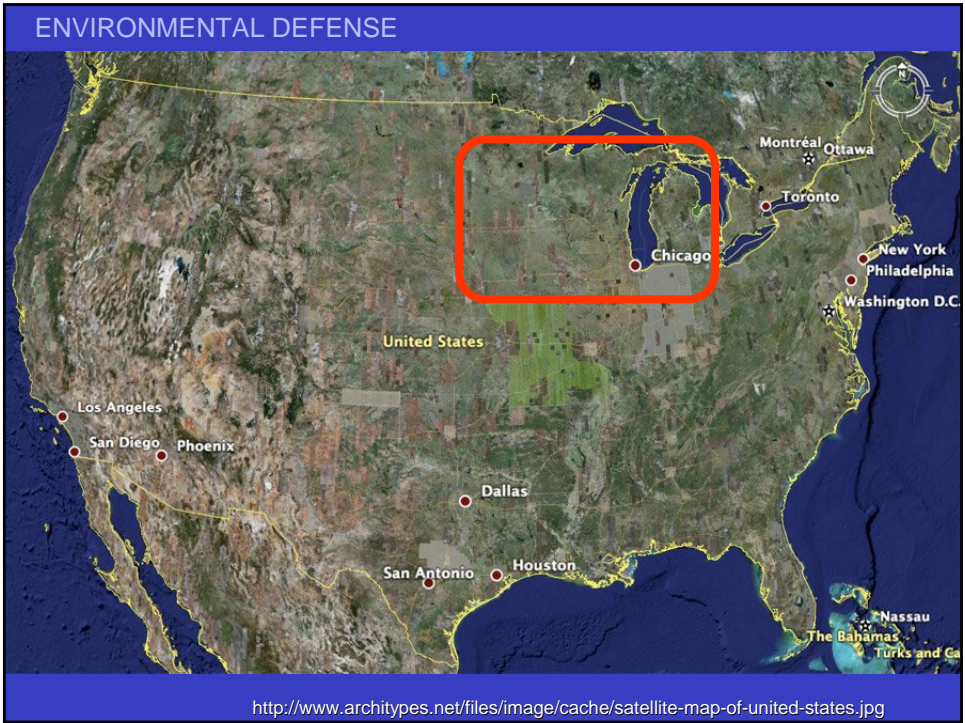
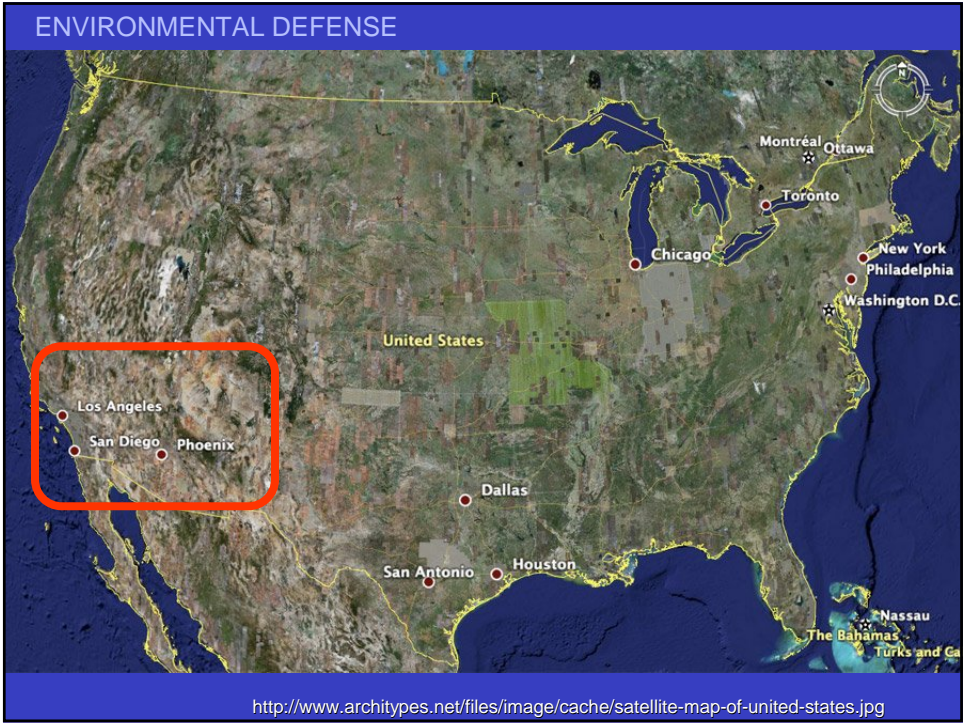
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

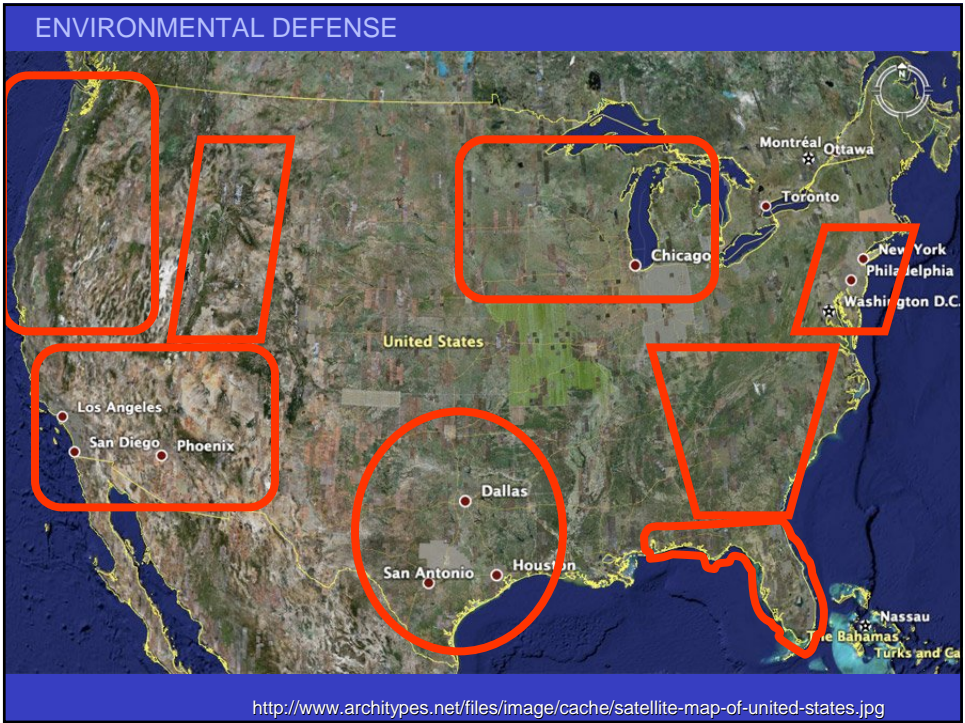
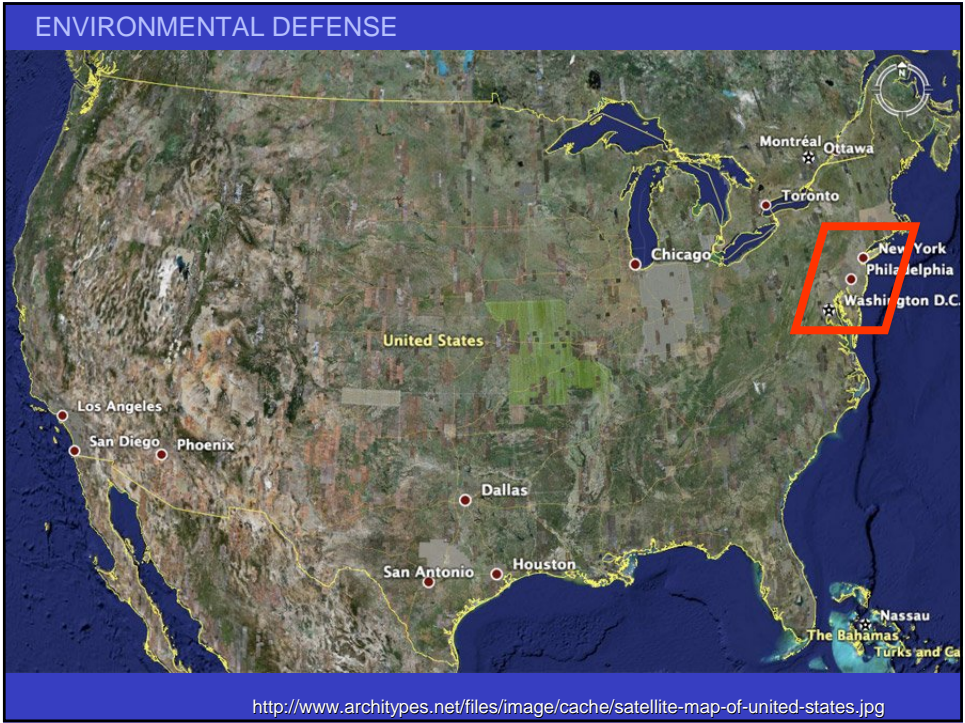
- Initiating dialogue on climate specific adaptation measures
- Priorities
 - Heat waves
 - Extreme events
 - Infectious disease outbreaks
 - Other food issues
 - Spoilage, distribution

Environmental Protection Agency

- Global Change Research Program
 - Focusing on decision tools for local public health officials
 - Air pollution-health models
 - Pilot in Chesapeake Bay







Adapt, but also much more...

Community Health Challenges Old and New



"The picture's pretty bleak, gentlemen . . . The world's climates are changing, the mammals are taking over, and we all have a brain about the size of a walnut."