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## **AAAS Statement on Release of National Climate Assessment Report**

A major [new report](#) released today from the federal government's interagency U.S. Global Change Research Program furthers our scientific understanding of climate change, said Rush Holt at the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

“The overwhelming scientific evidence of our changing climate cannot be ignored. Scientists at federal agencies, national labs and academic institutions worked to summarize what we know about climate change in the United States and around the world. The Climate Science Special Report lays out the most recent scientific evidence of climate change, once again confirming that climate change is real, it's happening now, and human activity is the primary cause. We welcome this report as a major deliverable in the National Climate Assessment process, which is legislatively mandated by Congress. The Climate Science Special Report provides scientific evidence to decisionmakers at all levels – local, state, regional and national – to help inform how society can respond to climate change. We look forward to the full National Climate Assessment, which should be completed and published in 2018.”

-- Rush Holt, chief executive officer, American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS)

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