

AGU AND AMS JOIN FORCES ON SPECIAL COLLECTION TO MAINTAIN MOMENTUM OF RESEARCH SUPPORTING THE U.S. NATIONAL CLIMATE ASSESSMENT

SCIENCE SOCIETIES TAKE ACTION AFTER NCA AUTHORS' DISMISSAL THIS WEEK

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WASHINGTON — The American Geophysical Union (AGU), the world's largest association of Earth and space scientists, and the American Meteorological Society (AMS), the professional society for atmospheric and related sciences and services, invite manuscripts for a new, first-of-its-kind special collection focused on climate change in the United States. This catalog of over 29 peer-reviewed journals covers all aspects of climate, including observations, projections, impacts, risks, and solutions.

This effort aims to sustain the momentum of the sixth National Climate Assessment (NCA), the authors and staff of which were dismissed earlier this week by the Trump Administration, almost a year into the process. Congressionally mandated, the NCA draws on the latest scientific research to evaluate how climate change is affecting the United States. The new special collection does not replace the NCA but instead creates a mechanism for this important work to continue.

"It's incumbent on us to ensure our communities, our neighbors, our children are all protected and prepared for the mounting risks of climate change," said AGU President Brandon Jones. "This collaboration provides a critical pathway for a wide range of researchers to come together and provide the science needed to support the global enterprise pursuing solutions to climate change."

This special collection is a unique and open opportunity for the scientific community to share their work in support of any U.S.-based scientific assessment. AGU and AMS invite other organizations that are publishing scholarly journals to join and help build the scope of this inclusive collaboration.

"The National Climate Assessment is a comprehensive, rigorous integration and evaluation of the latest climate science knowledge that decision makers — from government at all levels to private enterprise — need in order to understand the world in which we live," said AMS President David J. Stensrud. "Our economy, our health, our society are all climate-dependent.

While we cannot replace the NCA, we at AMS see it as vital to support and help expand this collaborative scientific effort for the benefit of the U.S. public and the world at large."

NOTE: Submission details are forthcoming and will be posted and shared across all AGU and AMS platforms.

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*The **American Meteorological Society** (www.ametsoc.org) advances the atmospheric and related sciences, technologies, applications, and services for the benefit of society. Founded in 1919, AMS has a membership of around 12,000 professionals, students, and weather enthusiasts. AMS publishes 12 atmospheric and related oceanic and hydrologic science journals; sponsors more than 12 conferences annually; and offers numerous programs and services.*