

Climate Change: Science, Policy Options and Opportunities for University Environmental Managers

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Abstract Text

Amidst the current fervor over global warming, university environmental managers are being challenged to decide and act on the issue. To help defuse the uproar and steer a reasoned course, The Texas A&M University System recently brought together atmospheric sciences faculty and its System environmental policy specialist to set forth the current science and possible policy responses. While recent global warming is real, it is not unprecedented in either its rate of change or its magnitude. What does differ is the recent, discernable human influence. Given uncertain projections about future change, perspectives on U.S. carbon emissions frame the discussion about possible personal and institutional choices.

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