

What to Do About the Likes of Ike?



Action to Make Our Nation More Resilient to Severe Weather and Climate Change

You are invited to a Capitol Hill Luncheon Briefing
Tuesday, October 7, 2008 - 12:00 noon to 1:30pm

**Please note: Lunch Briefing has been moved to
Room 2325 Rayburn HOB**

What will it take to make this nation more resilient to the costly damages that are inflicted by severe weather and climate change? The devastating impacts of Hurricanes Gustav and Ike provide only the most recent reminder of how vulnerable our society is to the effects of catastrophic storms. And estimates of the speed at which the climate is changing have increased since the most recent report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change was issued. This creates an even more urgent need for useful information at regional and local levels for those making decisions that will affect water and power usage, coastal development, environmental management, food production and other life-sustaining activities.

A growing number of organizations, with a variety of perspectives, have come together to produce a series of recommendations regarding issues of resiliency for the new Administration and the next Congress. The leaders of several of these diverse organizations, representing thousands of experts in the public, private, and academic weather and climate enterprise, as well as citizens concerned about action on weather and climate issues, will speak to specifics of these recommendations at this public briefing. Panelists include:

- **Nancy Colleton**, Executive Director, Alliance for Earth Observations
- **Keith Seitter**, Executive Director, American Meteorological Society
- **Veronica Johnson**, Broadcast Meteorologist, News 4 Weather Plus Team, Washington, DC
- **Robert Gagosian**, President and CEO, Consortium for Ocean Leadership
- **Jack Fellows**, Vice President, University Corporation for Atmospheric Research

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303-497-2102 by Friday, October 3, to reserve your lunch**

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