



The New York City Department of Environmental Protection

CLIMATE CHANGE PROGRAM

Assessment and Action Plan

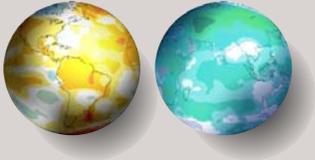
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A Report Based on the Ongoing Work of the DEP Climate Change Task Force



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This Report presents the initial steps that the New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has taken over the past four years to address climate change. The Report includes the findings and recommendations to date of DEP's Climate Change Program and Task Force and the immediate actions that DEP is committed to undertaking to further address this critical issue. The policy and program recommendations of the Report are those of DEP.

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