Framing the NIEHS Agenda on Climate Change

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• The mission of the NIEHS is to reduce the burden of human illness and disability by understanding how the environment influences the development and progression of human disease.
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- NIEHS portfolio relevant to every disease area
- Portfolio split between intramural and extramural efforts
- FY08 budget exceeds $700M. Flat budget projected for FY 09.
- The NIEHS approach to meeting its mission takes into account a spectrum of activities – from basic science to informing public policy.
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• Key message:

• In developing a comprehensive approach to address the health impacts of climate change, environmental health considerations along with infectious disease considerations are key.