

**Northeast Region Organizational Team Meeting**  
**New York City, New York**  
**October 6, 2011**

**Activity:** Regional Organizational Team Meeting

**Presenters:** All participants

**Recorder:** Fred Lipschultz, Regional Corodinator, National Climate Assessment

The organizational leadership team for the NE region met in the President's office of Hunter College on October 6, 2011 with about 10 in-person and 5 via telecon. Federal agency representatives including FWS, EPA, NOAA and NASA were present, and academic partners included Columbia University and Hunter College. Although the meeting only lasted 6 hours, including a working lunch, much was accomplished. After a short briefing about broad Federal climate activities, there were presentations about the NCA and risk-framing for the 2013 report. All attendees delivered quick briefs on their agencies' climate activities and interests in the region to ensure that all present had a clear idea of the scope of involvement and, especially, the networks of influence within the region. This was important since there was concern that considerable stakeholder involvement and major efforts at the state level had already occurred and the NCA effort should not query these groups. Instead the NCA effort should collect information about their efforts from within the knowledge-base and contacts of the leadership team. Care will also be needed to manage the relationships with the very active climate actors in the region, while reaching out and assisting those states and other groups that have been less active and have more limited capacity. Discussion of the draft outline led to expansion of several sections to better reflect the depth of adaptation activities and governance responses within the region, as well as highlighting several possible case studies. Action items included names of people to invite to a larger author workshop November 17-18, 2011 in NYC, and the meeting closed with people volunteering for various assignments and promises of inputs to the coordinating team. This effort will be led by the NOAA RISA team, CCRUN, that receives support for the NCA activity from both NOAA and NASA.