

## **Recommended Background Reading for Public Health and Climate Change:**

### ***Building an Agenda for Action***

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#### **Co-benefits**

- **Improving Air Quality and Health by Reducing Global Warming Pollution in California**

NRDC and Redefining Progress (2008)

Fact Sheet: [www.nrdc.org/globalWarming/boosting/fboosting.pdf](http://www.nrdc.org/globalWarming/boosting/fboosting.pdf)

Full Report: [www.nrdc.org/globalWarming/boosting/boosting.pdf](http://www.nrdc.org/globalWarming/boosting/boosting.pdf)

*California has the opportunity to combat global warming while simultaneously improving air quality and public health. This analysis shows that strategies for reducing global warming pollution -- cleaner cars and trucks, energy efficiency, renewable energy and smart growth -- also reduce air pollution and bring tremendous health "co-benefits."*

- **Should We Sweat It? The Health and Environmental Implications of Climate Change**

Summary of lecture by Jonathan Patz (2008)

[www.niehs.nih.gov/news/newsletter/2008/may/laureate.cfm](http://www.niehs.nih.gov/news/newsletter/2008/may/laureate.cfm)

*Patz argues that addressing the causes of global warming will offer opportunities to improve the environment worldwide while benefiting health in ways many may not have anticipated.*

#### **Environmental Justice**

- **A Climate of Change: African Americans, Global Warming, and a Just Climate Policy for the U.S.**

Environmental Justice and Climate Change Initiative (2008)

Executive Summary: [www.ejcc.org/coc\\_execsum.pdf](http://www.ejcc.org/coc_execsum.pdf)

*A new report finds that, while climate change is an urgent problem that hurts everyone, it is especially harmful to African Americans and low-income people of color.*

- **10 Principles for Just Climate Change Policies in the U.S.**

Environmental Justice and Climate Change Initiative

[www.ejcc.org/10%20Principles%20of%20Climate%20Justice.pdf](http://www.ejcc.org/10%20Principles%20of%20Climate%20Justice.pdf)

*How climate policy must protect our most vulnerable communities.*

#### **Land use and Transportation**

- **Addressing the Land Use Decisions that Shape Our Climate and Our Lives**

ClimatePlan (2007)

[www.climateplanca.org/climateplan\\_brochure.pdf](http://www.climateplanca.org/climateplan_brochure.pdf)

*An overview of how smart land use planning is important to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.*

- **Unfit for Purpose: How Car Use Fuels Climate Change and Obesity**  
Institute for European Environmental Policy (2007)  
Overview of report: [www.networks.nhs.uk/news.php?nid=1701](http://www.networks.nhs.uk/news.php?nid=1701)  
Full report: [www.ieep.eu/publications/pdfs/2007/IEEP%20-%20Unfit%20for%20purpose\\_transport%20climate%20chage%20and%20obesity.pdf](http://www.ieep.eu/publications/pdfs/2007/IEEP%20-%20Unfit%20for%20purpose_transport%20climate%20chage%20and%20obesity.pdf)  
*This report highlights the extent to which car use is implicated in the increase in obesity as well as rising carbon dioxide (CO2) emissions.*

## **Public Health Impacts**

- **Our Changing Climate: Assessing the Risks to California**  
A Summary Report from the California Climate Change Center (2006)  
[http://meteora.ucsd.edu/cap/pdffiles/CA\\_climate\\_Scenarios.pdf](http://meteora.ucsd.edu/cap/pdffiles/CA_climate_Scenarios.pdf)  
*Overview of projected climate change impacts to public health, water supply, agriculture, etc.*
- **Climate Change: A Challenge for Public Health**  
Statement by Kristie Ebi, (2008)  
[http://help.senate.gov/Hearings/2008\\_04\\_10/Ebi.pdf](http://help.senate.gov/Hearings/2008_04_10/Ebi.pdf)  
*Testimony before the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions to address how climate change affects the public's health.*
- **Public Health Impacts of Climate Change in California: Community Vulnerability Assessments and Adaptation Strategies-- Report No. 1: Heat-Related Illness and Mortality**  
California Department of Public Health (2007)  
Summary: [www.ehib.org/paper.jsp?paper\\_key=climate\\_change\\_2008](http://www.ehib.org/paper.jsp?paper_key=climate_change_2008)  
Full Report: [www.ehib.org/papers/Heat\\_Vulnerability\\_2007.pdf](http://www.ehib.org/papers/Heat_Vulnerability_2007.pdf)  
*A comprehensive report focusing on heat-related illness and mortality.*

## **Survey Data about Readiness of Local Health Departments**

- **Climate Change and California's Local Public Health Agencies**  
Public Policy Institute of California (2008)  
[www.ppic.org/content/pubs/op/OP\\_208LBOP.pdf](http://www.ppic.org/content/pubs/op/OP_208LBOP.pdf)  
*A survey of local public health officials finding that local health officials generally feel ill-prepared, both in terms of information and resources, to respond to the public health threat posed by climate change.*
- **Are We Ready? Preparing for the Public Health Challenges of Climate Change**  
Environmental Defense Fund, NACCHO, and George Mason University (2008)  
Summary: [www.edf.org/article.cfm?contentID=7839](http://www.edf.org/article.cfm?contentID=7839)  
Report: [www.edf.org/documents/7846\\_AreWeReady\\_April2008.pdf](http://www.edf.org/documents/7846_AreWeReady_April2008.pdf)  
*This report reveals critical gaps in our public health system's ability to respond to growing health threats from climate change.*

## **Websites**

- **California Air Resources Board**  
Link to climate change initiative: [www.arb.ca.gov/cc/cc.htm](http://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/cc.htm)
- **California Resources Agency**  
Link to adaptation strategy: [www.climatechange.ca.gov/adaptation/](http://www.climatechange.ca.gov/adaptation/)