

September 6, 1995. The deadline cannot be extended because the IPCC has a strict timetable for the review process.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be submitted by mail to: IPCC Synthesis Report Comments, Office of the U.S. Global Change Research Program, 300 D Street SW, Suite 840, Washington, DC 20024 or by E-mail in ASCII format on Internet to "office@usgcrp.gov". Copies of the draft Synthesis Report may be obtained by (1) telephone request to Ms. Sandra Vaughn-Cooke at (202) 651-8250; (2) sending an E-mail to "office@usgcrp.gov"; (3) faxing a request to (202) 554-6715 or (4) sending a letter directed to Ms. Vaughn-Cooke at the address above.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Michael MacCracken, Office of the U.S. Global Change Research Program at (202) 651-8250, or Mr. Daniel A. Reifsnnyder, Director, Office of Global Change, U.S. Department of State at (202) 647-4069.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Background**

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change was jointly established by the United Nations Environment Program and the World Meteorological Organization to conduct periodic assessments of the state of knowledge concerning climate change. Working Group I addresses the state of the science; Working Group II addresses vulnerability to and impacts of climate change, as well as mitigation and adaptation response options; and Working Group III addresses economics and other cross-cutting issues. Each working group is charged with issuing periodic assessments. The first assessment report was issued in 1990, a second assessment is anticipated for release in December 1995.

In addition to the three Working Group reports and their Summaries for Policymakers, the IPCC has prepared a report titled: "The IPCC Assessment of Knowledge Relevant to the Interpretation of Article 12 of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change: A Synthesis Report 1995." The Synthesis Report is accompanied by a Summary for Policymakers which will be approved on a line-by-line basis in December. The Synthesis Report is based on the contribution of all three working groups and their draft summaries for policymakers—which are now being reviewed and will be approved on a line-by-line basis by IPCC member governments. The Working Group I report is to be approved in Madrid in November 1995; the Working Group II report is to be approved in

Montreal in October 1995, and Working Group III has approved part of its report (in Geneva in July) and will conclude its approval process in Montreal in October 1995.

**Public Input Process**

The member countries of the IPCC have established a timetable that includes a brief period for comments from governments so that the IPCC can meet its timetable for a timely completion of the Second Assessment Report—including this Article 2 synthesis document. The Subcommittee on Global Change Research is responsible for coordinating the preparation of the U.S. response. Through this notice, the U.S. Government is seeking the views of experts and interested groups and individuals to help in the formulation of its response. Comments that are provided will be reviewed, integrated, and used, as appropriate, in the preparation of the official U.S. comments.

According to the IPCC proposed process, to the extent that there are modifications to these underlying reports, the Article 2 synthesis document will be modified to maintain consistency among all the reports. The IPCC has requested that all comments be forwarded to the Secretariat by September 12, 1995. In order to allow time for U.S. Government review, all reviewers are requested to submit their comments no later than noon, September 6, 1995.

An information sheet providing specific requests for formatting submissions will be provided with each mailing of the synthesis report. In this review process, the emphasis should be on providing detailed recommendations on specific areas in which the reviewer has expertise. To be most useful, comments should be specific in suggesting wording changes to the text of a particular paragraph or section, and where appropriate offer supporting information and peer reviewed references supporting the proposed changes. Comments on the overall tone and the scientific validity of the Report, and those expressing agreement or disagreement with specific major points in the Executive Summary are also solicited.

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**Director General of the Foreign Service and Director of Personnel; State Department Performance Review Board Members (At Large Board and OIG Board)**

In accordance with section 4314(c)(4) of the Civil Service Reform Act of 1978 (Pub. L. 95-454), the Executive Resources Board of the Department of State has appointed the following individuals to the State Department Performance Review Board (At Large Board) register.

Joan E. Donoghue, Assistant Legal Adviser, Office of the Legal Adviser, Department of State

Christopher Flaggs, Associate Comptroller Domestic Financial Operations, Bureau of Finance and Management Policy, Department of State

Kenneth Hunter, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Passport Services, Bureau of Consular Affairs, Department of State

Michael Schneider, Deputy Associate Director, United States Information Agency

Robert T. Spencer, Executive Director, Bureau of Diplomatic Security, Department of State

The Inspector General of the Department of State has appointed the following individuals to the State Department Office of the Inspector General Performance Review Board register.

Dennis Duquette, Deputy Inspector General for Management and Policy, Department of Health and Human Services

Kenneth Hunter, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Passport Services, Department of State

Harvey D. Thorp, Assistant Inspector General for Audits, Office of Personnel Management

Dated: August 15, 1995.

**Jennifer C. Ward,**

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**Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs; Certifications Pursuant to Section 609 of Public Law 101-162**

**SUMMARY:** On April 28, 1995, the Department of State certified, pursuant to Section 609 of Public Law 101-162, that 9 countries with commercial