

DEHS & CLIMATE CHANGE

- DEHS adopted 8 recommendations to forge a path for the program to begin responding to emerging public health threats from climate change
- Climate change, like environmental health, covers a broad scope of technical areas
- Health impacts from climate change are well established
- Impacts are amplified in AI/AN communities



1. Whitepaper

Informs & educates program leaders on climate change & associated mitigation & adaptation strategies



2. Adaptation & Mitigation Strategic Plan

Provides a focused, systematic approach for the DEHS program to respond to climate change. The plan will set climate change mitigation and adaptation goals for the program and spell out the actions to be taken to achieve these goals



3. Train staff

All DEHS staff will complete the APHA's *Climate for Health Ambassador* training to build climate literacy

4. Establish & maintain partnerships

with federal & state agencies, tribal programs, academic institutions & non-profit organizations to aid in the completion of climate change adaptation & mitigation work



5. Engage

Each position in DEHS will be encouraged & supported by leadership to network with stakeholders within their service area & participate in local, regional & national workgroups focused on climate change adaptation and mitigation work



6. Update Indian Health Manual Ch. 11

Add climate change as a program element and frame the associated objectives, applicability & scope of climate change work that will be performed by DEHS



7. Integrate climate adaptation & mitigation strategies

into the decision making processes, policies, program & business practices of the DEHS program



8. Sustain DEHS Climate Change Workgroup

as the guiding body for DEHS & its leadership

