



Dear Colleague,

You are being contacted in reference to a survey that was developed by the National Drought Mitigation Center (NDMC) for a project that aims to improve drought information and communication through the National Integrated Drought Information System (NIDIS) Engaging Preparedness Communities working group.

If you are unfamiliar with NIDIS and would like more information, please see this link:

<http://www.drought.gov/pdf/NIDIS-IPFinal-June07.pdf>

(also see pg. 9 which is specifically related to the Engaging Preparedness Communities activities)

The first survey is being concluded **February 18, 2011**. Additional surveys will follow and will be interspersed with periodic opportunities for participation in free webinars. These webinars will be designed and facilitated based on the feedback that we receive from these short systematic surveys. The first of these webinars will be scheduled in **March 2011** and we will contact you in advance in order to arrange your possible participation in this initial kick-off webinar.

The surveys are being provided in a web based format (see below) and should not take more than 10-15 minutes to complete. If you can't complete the entire survey during the initial session, you may close the session and return again later in order to finish. However, please keep in mind that the data is saved in a question block format. Therefore, try to complete an entire page of questions and then select next before you exit the survey. This will allow you to return to the survey at the point where you ended your initial session.

To access the survey, please click on the following link:

https://ssp.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_5oJ6KM8RXNcslak

If the link does not work, please copy and paste it into your browser.

Thank you very much for your willingness to complete these surveys. Should you have any questions regarding this survey or study, or if you would like a paper copy of the survey, please contact:

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