

# ***Urgency and Opportunity: What the Latest Climate Science Tells Us***

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The October special report from the UN International Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) and the November release of the Fourth National Climate Assessment by the U.S. government both warn of the urgent and far-reaching impact of climate change.

**Rachel Cleetus** will put the latest scientific findings in perspective:

- What's new in these recent reports?
- What needs to be done to prevent the catastrophic scenarios in the reports?
- What are our best options for action?
- How can we summon the political and social will to take the actions necessary?



Rachel Cleetus, PhD, is the policy director with the Climate and Energy program at the Union of Concerned Scientists. She leads the program's efforts in designing effective and equitable policies to address climate change, and advocating for their implementation. Dr. Cleetus is an expert in policies to promote clean energy and drive deep cuts in heat-trapping emissions from the power sector, including carbon pricing and complementary sector-based policies. She also does research on the risks and costs of climate impacts and is an expert on policies to promote climate resilience.

A Question and Answer period will follow the presentation.

The forum is free and open to the public.

We will also show the award-winning short videos from Needham High School students from the 2019 League of Women Voters of Massachusetts Climate Change Challenge Video Contest.