



DEFINING CLIMATE CHANGE “ADAPTATION”

The International Panel on Climate Change

“Adjustments in ecological, social, or economic systems in response to actual or expected climatic stimuli and their effects or impacts.”

The Pew Center on Global Climate Change

“Actions by individuals or systems to avoid, withstand, or take advantage of current and projected climate changes and impacts. Adaptation decreases a system’s vulnerability, or increases its resilience to impacts.”

Virginia Manufacturers Association

Actions taken or decisions made by individuals or businesses in response to actual or expected changes in ecological, social, or economic systems.

Note: Definitions of adaptation should take into account the natural tendency of individuals and business to adapt to given stimuli.