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Dear madam/sir:

Today, many concerns about climate change and water resources management have arisen in our Nation and in the world. This U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) Circular, which is authored by scientists and engineers from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the U.S. Department of Interior Bureau of Reclamation, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and the USGS, addresses many of these concerns through a thorough discussion and analysis of the underpinning science related to climate change.

This circular is technical in nature and not policy or budgetary in focus, but rather presents good science and options for addressing water resources management for the Nation by the two principal water resources management agencies and the two principal earth science data collection agencies of the U.S. government.

We hope to build on this foundation in the future as our agencies help the Nation resolve climate change and the myriad of other issues faced by today's water resources managers.

Very sincerely,



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