



Briefing Notice

Tracking Down Data

Where to Find Climate and Environmental Information in 2026

Thursday, April 23, 2026 • 4:00 - 5:00 PM EDT

Rayburn House Office Building (RHOB 2168)

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The **Environmental and Energy Study Institute (EESI)** and **Climate Central** invite you to a briefing to discuss a key underpinning of the U.S. economy: publicly-available weather and climate data. Federal data is used as an input to weather models that are essential to public safety and helps businesses—from farms and insurance companies to airlines and utilities—make daily decisions. Historically, Congress has played a central role in directing federal agencies to collect, analyze, and report weather and climate data. But today, hundreds of federal scientific datasets and reports, like the [national climate assessments](#), have been removed from public access, altered, or buried. Popular climate webpages (e.g., [climate.gov](#) and [EJScreen](#)) have been taken down or archived.

In this new information environment, universities, nonprofits, and national associations are stepping up to fill the gaps in maintaining weather and climate data left by the federal government. Panelists will share where to look for these datasets and explore how these organizations are maintaining public access to critical information without the resources afforded by the federal government. They will also describe the implications of these changes for end users, from individuals using weather apps to multinational corporations making significant business decisions.

Speakers to be announced.

This event is free and open to the public.

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