

The findings of the Inter-Governmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)

- implications for science and technology in support of climate change and energy policy

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Warming of the climate system is unequivocal





Future temperature rise depends on cumulative emissions



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Climate change is already affecting the UK. Further direct impacts are expected. A number of risks on the NRA can be expected to increase in likelihood and impact in the coming years and decades

- The UK Climate Change Risk Assessment identified increased risk of flooding, drought and heatwaves.
- The UK floods in autumn 2000 cost the UK insurance industry £1.3 billion.
 Research shows that human greenhouse gas emissions may have roughly doubled the chance of this event 3 occurring.
- The 2003 European summer heat waves caused up to 35,000 excess deaths. Research has shown it is very likely that the risk of these events occurring has at least doubled over the last 100 years due to greenhouse gas emissions, and that they are very likely to become commonplace in as little as 40 years from now.



Relative likelihood of occurring in the next five years



Three electricity sources are key to meeting the UK's legislated emissions reduction targets: renewables, nuclear power, and clean fossil fuels nce



CCS = Carbon Capture and Storage; ULEV = Ultra Low Emission Vehicles; ICE = Internal Combustion Engine; SWI = Solid Wall Insulation; CWI = Cavity Wall Insulation



The UK has recognised strengths in science and technology to address climate change

The UK has outstanding technological expertise. For example:

- Next-generation nuclear
- Next-generation solar
- Innovation in wind turbines, transport and wave and tidal technologies
- Carbon capture and storage

Climate services are embryonic but are a growth market. The UK is at the forefront of this building on our world leading climate science and forecasting capability

