

**The New England Regional Assessment of
The Potential Consequences of Climate Variability and Change**
A Final Report

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