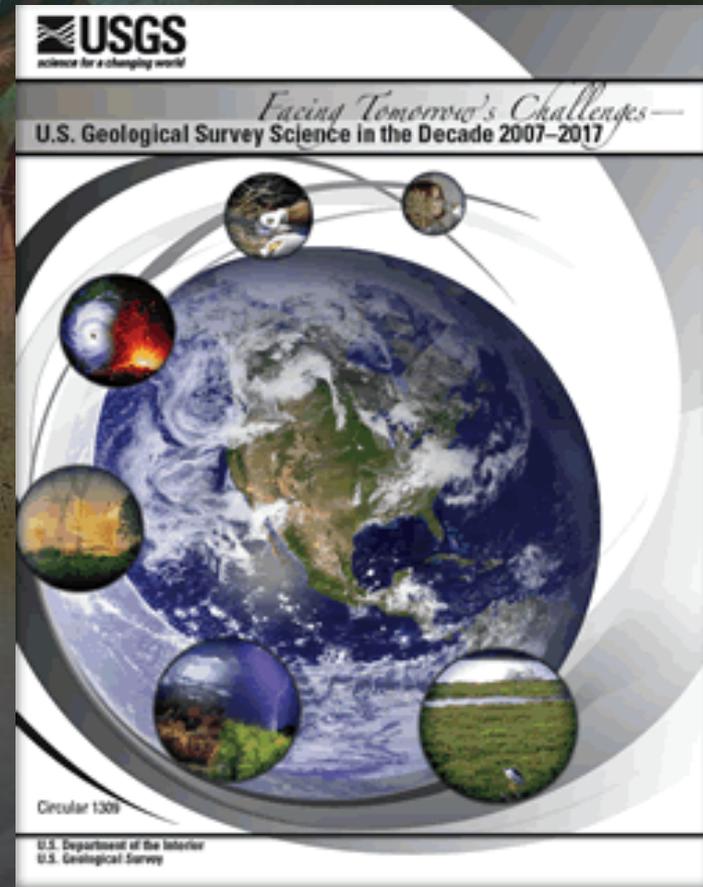


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Background on the USGS Science Strategic Planning Process

In 2010, the USGS aligned itself with the broad science themes outlined in our 10-year Bureau-level Science Strategy.

Teams of USGS scientists are now leading the creation of 10-year science strategies for each of the new USGS Mission Areas:

- Climate and Land Use Change
- Core Science Systems
- Ecosystems
- Energy and Minerals
- Environmental Health
- Natural Hazards
- Water

USGS employees, external partners and stakeholders, and the public are being asked to weigh in on these strategies and major questions informing their creation.

These strategies are scheduled to be completed in October of 2011.

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Science Strategic Planning Teams (SSPT)

Charged with developing a science strategy for USGS Mission Area activities and supporting programs

Consists of senior scientists and managers from all USGS major science disciplines.

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