

## Global Warming may cost North Carolina billions

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In the coming decades, North Carolina may have to pay billions of dollars as global warming leads to property damage, land erosion, and losses in tourism and recreation business. At least that's what economists predicted yesterday. Because of the state's low-lying coastline, it may be particularly vulnerable to hurricanes and erosion if ocean levels rise as projected, between one foot and three feet over the next 25 to 75 years. By 2080, each hurricane could cost the state up to \$157 million in damages. The report on adverse affects of Global Warming on the state was reviewed by researchers at several state universities, including Appalachian.