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**ABBREVIATIONS**

IPCC	Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change
SRES	The Special Report on Emissions Scenarios
IPCC-AR4	IPCC Fourth Assessment Report: Climate Change 2007
GCMs	General Circulation Models or Global Climate Models
GHG	Greenhouse Gas
CO <sub>2</sub>	Carbon dioxide
AOGCMs	Atmosphere-Ocean Global Circulation Models
RCMs	Regional Climate Models
MM5	The Fifth-Generation Penn State/NCAR Mesoscale Model
NCAR	The National Center for Atmospheric Research
WMO	World Meteorological Organization
CLIVAR	Climate Variability and Predictability
ETCCDI	Expert Team on Climate Change Detection and Indices
CCSM3	The Community Climate System Model Version 3
PRECIS	Providing Regional Climates for Impacts Studies
HadCM3	Hadley Centre Coupled Model, version 3
PBL	The planetary Boundary Layer
GFDL CM2.0	Geophysical Fluid Dynamics Laboratory Climate Model version 2.0

GFDL-CM2.1	Geophysical Fluid Dynamics Laboratory Climate Model version 2.1
INM-CM3.0	Numerical Mathematics Coupled Model version 3.0
IPSL-CM4	Institute Pierre-Simon Laplace Coupled Model version 4
MIROC3.2	Model for Interdisciplinary Research on Climate 3.2
CNRM-CM3	Centre National de Recherches Météorologiques Coupled Model Version 3
NCAR-PCM1	Parallel Climate Model of the National Center for Atmospheric Research