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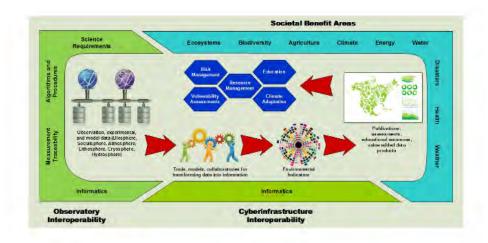
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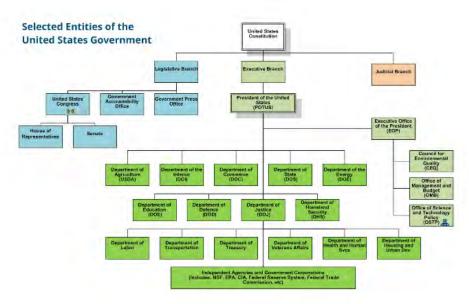
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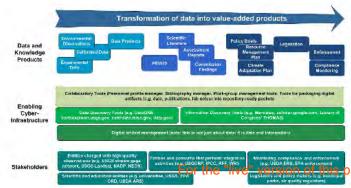




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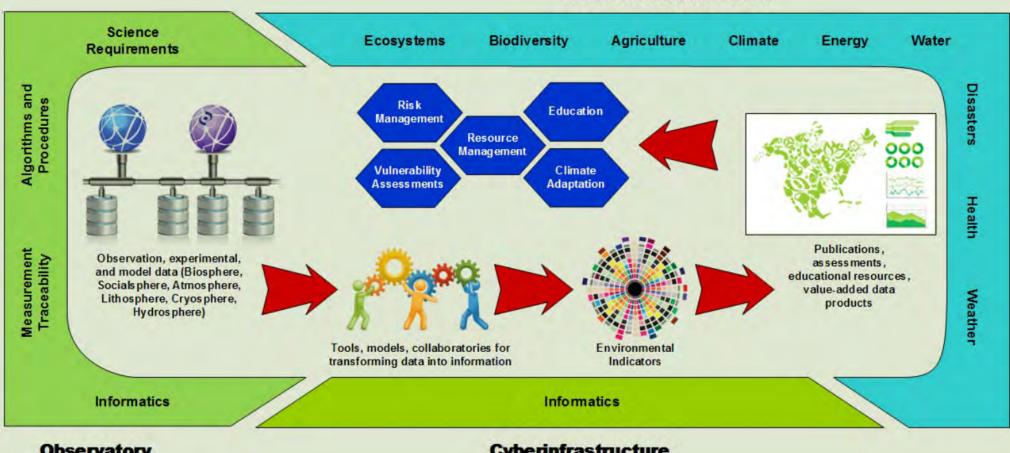
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Observatory Interoperability Cyberinfrastructure Interoperability

Transformation of data into value-added products Scientific Environmental **Data Products Policy Briefs** Observations Literature Legislation Resource Assessment **Enforcement** Calibrated Data Management Reports Plan Experimental **Atlases** Commission Compliance Climate Data **Findings Adaptation Plan** Monitoring Collaboratory Tools (Personnel profile manager, Bibliography manager, Work-group management tools, Tools for packaging digital artifacts (e.g. data, publications, lab notes) into repository-ready packets Data Discovery Tools (e.g. DataONE, Information Discovery Tools (e.g. Mendeley, scholar.google.com, Library of

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Digital artifact management (note: this is not just about data: it is data and information)

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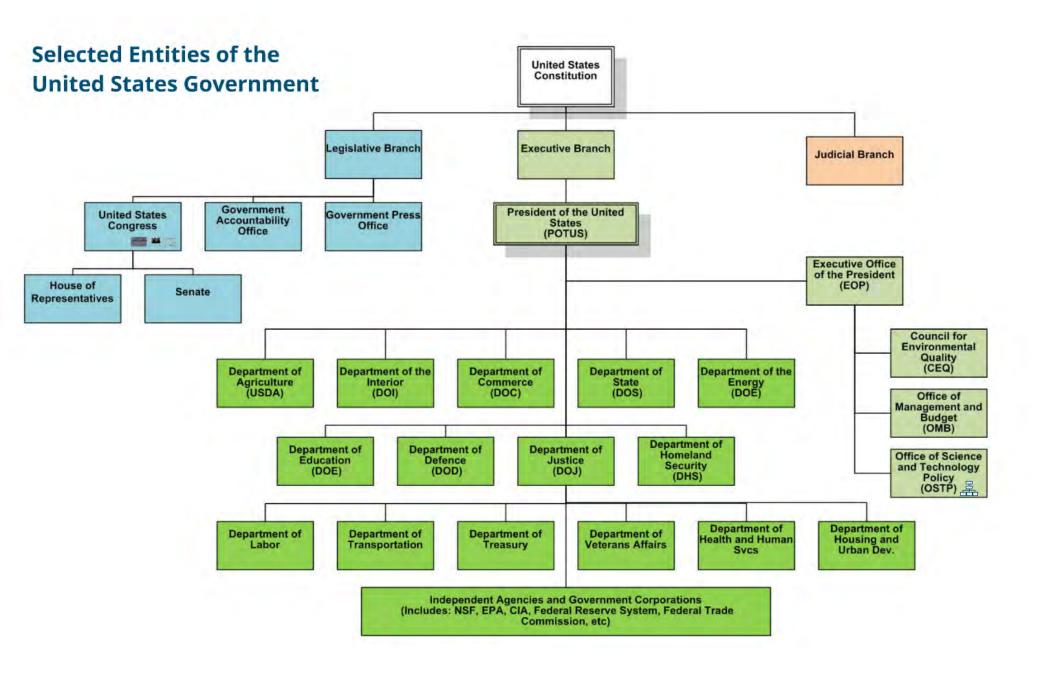
Entities charged with high-quality observations (e.g. USGS stream gage network, USGS Landsat, NADP, NEON)

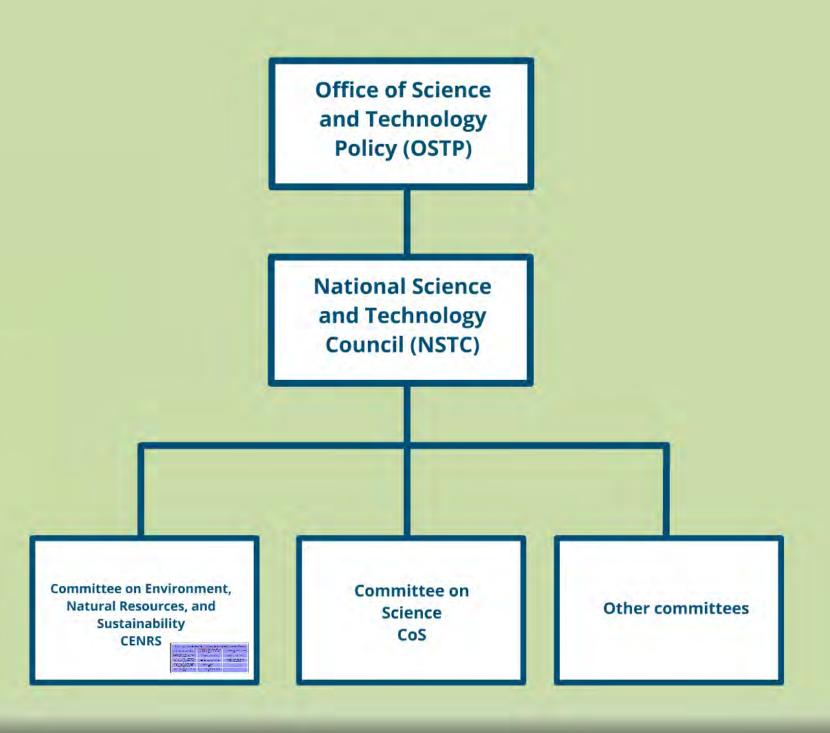
Entities and consortia that perform integrative activities (e.g. USGCRP, IPCC, RFF, WRI)

Scientific and education entities (e.g. universities, USGS, EPA ORD, USDA ARS)

Monitoring, compliance, and enforcement (e.g. USDA ERS, EPA enforcement)

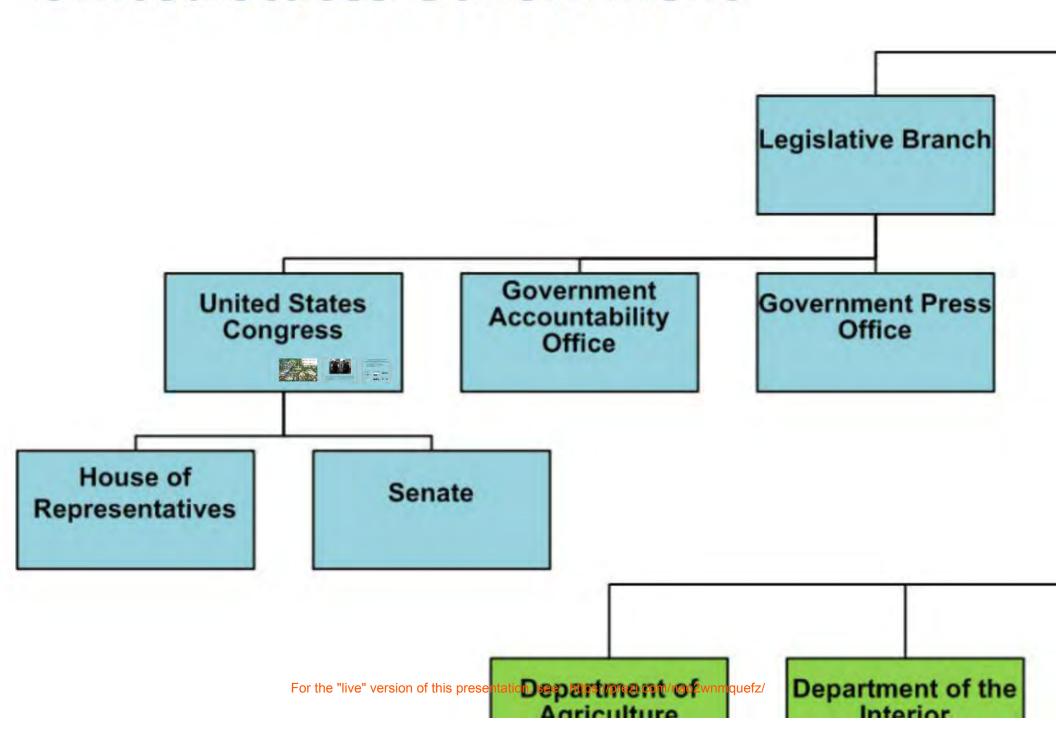
Legislators and policy makers (e.g. municipal parks, air quality regulators)





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How does NEON interact with Congress through all those processes?

- Conduct informational briefings for staffers
- Biological and Ecological Sciences Coalition (BESC)
- Attending Hill Briefings









Coalition for National Science Funding (CNSF)

- Monthly meetings
- Sign-on letters to Congress
- Annual exhibition on the Hill





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Climate Science Working Group

- Hill Briefings on issues of mutual interest
- Annual Climate Science Day on the Hill (informational, no advocacy allowed)

Participating Organizations (as part of the Climate Science Working Group)

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American Meteorological Society
American Society of Agronomy
American Society of Plant Biologists
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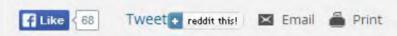


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