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Dr. Abraham E. Haspel is the Assistant Deputy Secretary of the U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI). He was appointed to this position in June, 2002. He is a senior advisor to the Secretary and Deputy Secretary, serving as a focal point for American Indian trust reform issues and projects, energy issues, and climate change issues.

Dr. Haspel began dealing with climate change policy and solutions in 1991. He was a member of the U.S. Delegation to each of the first six Conferences of the Parties of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change and to the recent Conference of the Parties held in Bali, Indonesia. During this period he was instrumental in developing the United States' positions on emissions trading, Joint Implementation and the Clean Development Mechanism as well as the role of technology transfer. He also served as a member of the U.S. Delegation to Working Group 3 of the Second Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change. He was Chair of the 23 nation Climate Technology Initiative from 1998 – 2000. At the Department of the Interior, Dr. Haspel leads the Subcommittee on Land and Water Management of the Secretary's Climate Change Task Force.

Dr. Haspel, a career civil servant since 1978, is the recipient of five Presidential rank awards and has received the highest honors given in both the Departments of the Interior and Energy. During his 12 years at the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), he served as the Deputy Assistant Secretary (DAS) for Planning, Budget and Management of the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy; the DAS for Energy, Environment and Economic Policy Analysis; Acting Principal DAS for Policy and International Affairs; Director, Office of Economic Analysis and Competition; and, Chief Economist. Before moving to DOE in 1990, Dr. Haspel spent 12 years at DOI in a number of leadership positions.

Prior to joining DOI in 1978, Dr. Haspel was an Economic Policy Fellow of the Brookings Institution in Washington, D.C., and an Assistant Professor of Economics at the State University of New York at Buffalo. He received his doctorate in economics from the University of Pennsylvania in 1974, and his baccalaureate degree (magna cum laude) in mathematics and economics from Brandeis University (Waltham, MA) in 1971.