**Table # 9**

**Panel 3, National Security**

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**Moderator: Diane Horn**

***Question 1****: How should projected sea level rise over the lifespan of new or replacement infrastructure be factored into the design of new facilities, and should it be a factor in prioritizing projects?*

***Answer/Notes:***

* Yes, it should be an important factor.
* Government oversight should impose requirements over private sector, especially critical infrastructure, such as electricity and ports?
* Issue of resiliency should be incorporated into the permitting process.

***Question 2:*** *Should assessments of the vulnerability of military bases, port facilities, shipyards and other coastal facilities to sea level rise, and adaptation planning for them, include local and regional critical infrastructures, such as electrical power, transportation, and water and sanitation systems? What entity should take the lead in assessments of critical infrastructures, given that their ownership and operation cuts across a wide range of private and public sector organizations?*

***Answer/Notes:***

* Yes
  + Practically it will fall to the local governments
  + Ideal would be a holistic process
* VA Dillon Rule local gov’t can only do what the general assembly has said they can do. They require authority. Localities use this as an excuse to not take action. It is a scapegoat for both levels, it is clearly ambiguous.
* Authority: VA 15.2: Communities must have a comprehensive plan to deal with SLR.
  + Who enforces that localities develop and maintain this plan?

***Question 3****:* *Where should future research on the impact of sea level rise and adaptation to sea level rise be focused, and what are the opportunities for collaboration on research and the development of adaptation strategies and measures – both international, and among government, private sector and academic institutions?*

***Answer/Notes:***

* ODU level. Scientific (oceanography) evidence with the political, social, and psychological barriers research to broaden the reach of the message.

***General Question****: Given what you've learned during this panel, what types of collaborative research and action might be most useful in affecting adaptive policy?*

***Answer/Notes:***

Expression of frustration by table participants that they (academics) attend many conferences and the business community is absent. Is there a parallel series of conferences that the private sector attends? They expressed interest in taking this to the Chamber of Commerce.

*Consensus Points:*

*Takeaways/Action Items:*

*Points of dissent:*

*Miscellaneous/Interesting:*

* Diane Horn: UK just approved the construction of a nuclear plant on the waterfront. US gov’t says that nuclear power plant location decisions should be left to the private sector. Discussion of private and public responsibility.