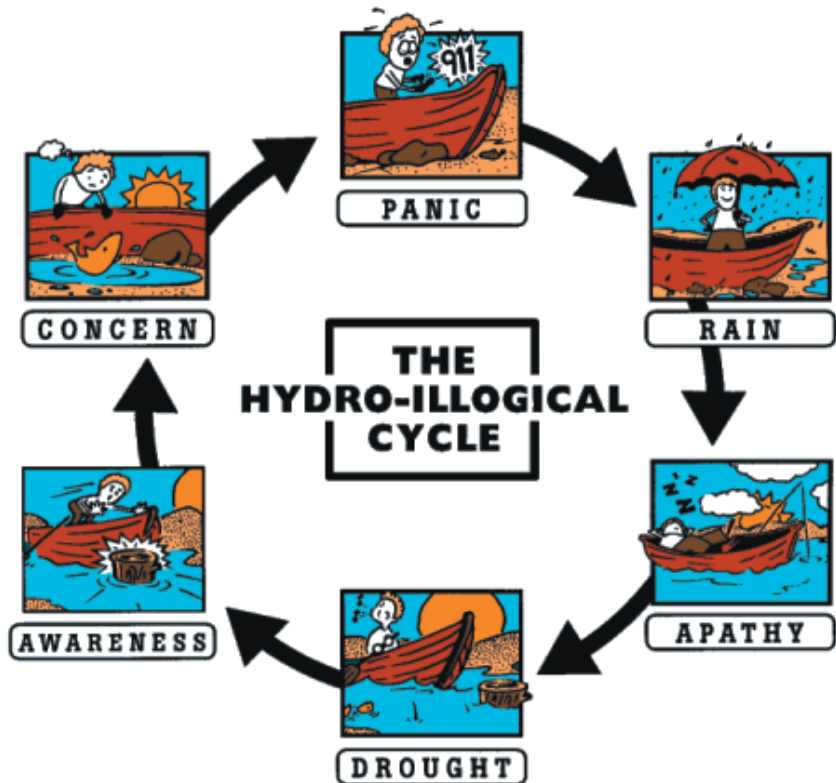


## Mission

The National Drought Mitigation Center helps people and institutions develop and implement measures to reduce societal vulnerability to drought. The NDMC stresses preparedness and risk management rather than crisis management. Most of the NDMC's services are directed to state, federal, regional, and tribal governments that are involved in drought and water supply planning.

## Background

The NDMC, established in 1995, is based in the School of Natural Resources at the University of Nebraska–Lincoln. Its director, Dr. Donald A. Wilhite, professor of climatology and drought policy specialist, has been studying governmental responses to drought, developing planning methodologies, and identifying appropriate policy instruments for more than 20 years. In addition to working with U.S. states, he has served as a consultant to governments worldwide and to the United Nations.



*It's our job to even out the naturally occurring peaks and valleys in people's motivation to plan for drought. In this country, most of us are blessed with a well-protected, plentiful supply of food, and unlike faster-moving natural disasters, drought generally leaves structures intact, if dusty. As disasters go, drought lacks drama. But analysis reveals that it typically costs United States taxpayers at least as much as other disasters, and that it takes a heavy toll on farm families, the environment, and other areas in ways that are hard to measure. For more on drought impacts, please see:*

<http://drought.unl.edu/risk/impacts.htm>

## Activities

- drought monitoring
- fielding media inquiries
- advising policy makers
- collaborative research
- K–12 outreach
- workshops for federal, state, and international governments and organizations
- maintaining an active web site
- presentations at professional and academic seminars, workshops, and conferences
- providing data to and answering questions for the general public