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### **Companion article to "Climate Change"**

## **Koshland Science Museum**

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The National Academies' Marian Koshland Science Museum opened to the public in April 2004. Located in NW Washington, DC at the corner of 6th and E Streets, NW, it is near the National Mall, the MCI Center and the National Building Museum. The closest Metro stations are Gallery Place/Chinatown, served by the Red, Green, and Yellow Lines; and Judiciary Square, served by the Red Line.

Through engaging, interactive exhibits, the museum brings the numerous reports conducted by the prestigious National Academies to life. Exciting hands-on science demonstrations are also available at the museum every weekend and on selected holidays. The museum's friendly and knowledgeable interns from DC's Banneker High School lead these interactive demonstrations. Below are the current hands-on science demonstrations that can be seen at the museum:

### **SEE YOUR DNA**

Have you ever seen your own DNA? You can in just a couple of minutes at one of the hands-on science demonstration tables. You will safely extract DNA from your cheek cells by swishing some water in your mouth. You'll even be able to take home your own DNA in a necklace vial. This is one of the museum's most popular attractions.

### **THE OCEAN CONVEYOR BELT**

Did you know that the ocean greatly influences our climate? You can watch and learn about the Ocean Conveyor Belt, which is extremely important to regulating our climate. This process halted due to the melting of the ice caps thirteen thousand years ago during a period known as the Younger Dryas. This led to a small ice age. Learn whether or not this process could happen again.

You can find more information about The Marian Koshland Science Museum at <http://www.koshlandsciencemuseum.org/>.