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DURHAM, N.H. - Rising sea levels? Dying sugar maples? A climate more like that of Richmond, Va.? Is this to be New England's future as global warming and climate change take hold in the region?

This year's season premiere of Maine PBS's “QUEST” nature and science series will help shed light on these issues with the help of scientists from the University of New Hampshire's Institute for the Study of Earth, Oceans, and Space (EOS).

The show, “Climate Change: In our Backyard,” uses close-to-home examples to make the views of these leading scientists come alive as they show how climate change can affect almost every aspect of our lives and, in turn, how we affect the climate.

The program describes many of the important concepts about the global issue of climate change from a regional perspective. In language understandable to a layperson, state climatologists, scientific researchers, health professionals and nonprofit leaders from the region explain the complex problem and provide insight into what can be done about it.

“New England's climate is important to the health of people who live or visit here, to the functioning of our ecosystems, and to the economic future of the region,” says George Hurtt, an ecologist with EOS and the UNH Department of Natural Resources.

In addition to Hurtt, UNH scientists John Aber, Scott Ollinger, Barry Rock and Cameron Wake are featured in the show.

“Climate Change: In Our Backyard,” will be broadcast on Maine PBS stations at 9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 24; 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 25, 3:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 26; and 9 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 4.

For more information, visit: http://www.mainepbs.org/quest/index.shtml.