

America's Role in a Changing Arctic



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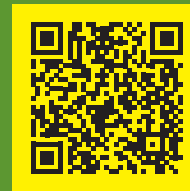
The Arctic region is changing rapidly: glaciers are receding, sea ice is diminishing, and permafrost is thawing. All these phenomena present serious challenges for residents of the Arctic and for the world. At the same time, the Arctic warming is enabling increased shipping and hydrocarbon extraction. In this talk, Ambassador Balton will review these developments and a recent flurry of international efforts to come to grips with them.

In March 2005, following confirmation by the Senate, Balton attained the rank of Ambassador during his tenure. Ambassador Balton is responsible for coordinating the development of U.S. foreign policy concerning oceans and fisheries, and overseeing U.S. participation in international organizations dealing with these issues. His portfolio also includes responsibility for overseeing the Department of State's work on Arctic and Antarctic affairs.

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