

**The Week That Was: 2015-12-19 (December 19, 2015)**  
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**Quote of the Week:** *“Yet, in holding scientific research and discovery in respect, as we should, we must also be alert to the equal and opposite danger that public policy could itself become the captive of a scientific-technological elite.”* Dwight D. Eisenhower, Farewell Address, 1961

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**Number of the Week:** 7

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The past few years have been very productive:

In collaboration with like-minded groups, we produced hard-hitting comments for the record and provided scientific testimony on proposed Federal climate and energy policy. We expect this material to surface in future litigation over excessive regulation. In 2016, we plan to be very active in upcoming litigation over Federal regulations that are not supported by empirical science.

SEPP has also spawned VA-SEEE (Scientists & Engineers for Energy & Environment), with 7 active chapters throughout Virginia, writing to local papers, testifying in Richmond, etc.

On a global level, we established NIPCC in 2007 (Non-governmental International Panel on Climate Change) to respond to the false claims of the UN-IPCC (Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change), and its followers -- that use of fossil fuels, and CO2 emissions, will lead to climate disasters.

All four of the voluminous NIPCC reports and their Summaries are available at [www.NIPCCreport.org](http://www.NIPCCreport.org).

The newly released 2015 report “Why Scientists Disagree About Global Warming” directly addresses the sources of disagreement among climate scientists, and that the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) is a political body that does not perform rigorous hypothesis testing needed to advance scientific knowledge.

In 2013, the Chinese Academy of Sciences translated and published a book based on two NIPCC reports and organized a Workshop in Beijing.

The Heartland Institute, our publisher, has organized ten well-attended ICCC events (International Conference on Climate Change), featuring many of the 50+ NIPCC authors.

A few weeks ago, Dr Fred Singer, our founder and president celebrated his 91<sup>st</sup> birthday. After 25 years at the helm, in January he retired as SEPP president, but continues as Chairman of the Board for as long as possible.

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Kenneth Haapala, President  
Science and Environmental Policy Project

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**THIS WEEK:**

***By Ken Haapala, President, Science and Environmental Policy Project (SEPP)***

**COP-21:** The Conference of Parties (COP-21) of the United Nations' Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) is over. With great fanfare, an agreement was signed. The parties agreed to agree to try to limit carbon dioxide emissions. The agreement will have no identifiable effect on global climate change, because the UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) has failed to establish the influence that human carbon dioxide emissions (CO<sub>2</sub>) have on climate. This "scientific body" has failed to distinguish between natural variation of climate, which has been ongoing for hundreds of millions of years, and the human influence, if any, of CO<sub>2</sub> on this natural variation. Multiple studies that have the same flaw are just more of the same.

Further, no global climate model has been validated and there has been no effort, announced to the public, to validate one, in spite of billions of dollars spent by governments. This failure indicates there is a major problem in the publicly announced IPCC science, most likely because the influence of CO<sub>2</sub> on climate is small, rendering these costly efforts to regulate CO<sub>2</sub> insignificant. As Richard Lindzen said of the effect of CO<sub>2</sub> on climate: "[It is] trivially true and numerically insignificant."

A diverse array of views on the agreement is found below. In the major additions, it is an agreement, not a treaty, in the sense that it has no binding effect on the United States. A treaty would require approval of two-thirds of the Senate present. One purpose of this requirement in the US Constitution is to provide a check on presidential powers. Unlike in many other countries, a treaty in the US has the force of law. The Obama Administration realized it would not obtain approval of two-thirds of the Senate, thus delegates representing the Administration made last

minute changes to the Agreement making it nonbinding and thereby avoiding Constitutionally required approval.

Among the key provisions in the final agreement are: there are no binding monetary commitments, there are no binding commitments to reduce carbon dioxide emissions, and the next big accounting of progress will be in 2023, with ongoing meetings in between. In short, it is an agreement to perpetuate the appearance of doing something, while spending public funds. The big surprise is that any Party can withdraw after three years, effective 1 year later. See links under Challenging the Orthodoxy – NIPCC, Defending Paris! Analyzing Paris! Questioning Paris! Forget Paris, On to Morocco! Funding Issues and <http://www.senate.gov/artandhistory/history/common/briefing/Treaties.htm>

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**What Happened?** As can be seen in the links below, many environmental groups are disgusted with the agreement, as is James Hansen, who often pretends to speak for all scientists, or, at least, climate scientists, but does not. The Greens thought they had a binding agreement, but if the agreement is binding it is not in key parts such as timetables, emission limits, and required payment of moneys.

The clearest explanation of what happened, that TWTW reviewed, came from Suzanne Goldenberg, a journalist at the UK Guardian. She is well-known in many Washington circles and certainly is not a global warming skeptic. She writes:

*“Under US insistence, the 31-page agreement was explicitly crafted to exclude emissions reductions targets and finance from the legally binding parts of the deal. Other areas of the deal, including five-year review cycles, do carry legal force. That would free Obama from having to submit the deal to Congress.”*

*“The other exclusion zone was any clause in the agreement that would expose the US to liability and compensation claims for causing climate change.”*

When the Senate approved the UNFCCC treaty that was submitted by President H.W. Bush (Bush 41), it attached specific conditions regarding targets and climate funding. US liability for compensating claims are a general exclusion. The Obama Administration was clever in avoiding Senate review of the agreement – perhaps too clever.

The Administration leaves office in January 2017. A future administration may declare that the agreement does not obligate the United States or the US government, but is only between Obama Administration and the other parties. To support the argument, a future administration can rightfully claim the Obama Administration specifically excluded the US from key points of the earlier agreement. Also, future administration may withdraw completely. Thus, Mr. Obama’s legacy may be temporary. See links under Defending Paris and The Political Games Continue.

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**Green Climate Fund:** Even for green groups there was a nasty surprise at COP-21. The entire COP process is not about science, it is about power and money. The ability of India and China to demand payments to the Green Climate Fund for past climate change is an example of the absurd lengths the Administration, and other Western governments, are taking to try to appease these countries. The adverse effects of past climate change since the industrial revolution (about 1750) is a myth created by the IPCC and Green Groups. Apologizing for this mythical claim demonstrates the weakness of the Administration. Eighteenth century Europe was marked by

starvation and famine. In the 19<sup>th</sup> century, many immigrants came to the US from Europe, forced to leave their homelands due to agricultural harvest failures. If CO<sub>2</sub> caused the warming since 1750 to today, then funds should be paid to the producers of CO<sub>2</sub>, rather than forcing current citizens to pay for warmer, more benign climate. See links under Defending Paris! and Funding Issues.

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**COP – 22 and Theater:** The entire COP process has taken on the attributes of theater. One could call it the highly stylized Kabuki Theater, which is thought to have originated in Kyoto, Japan, the site of the prior “Climate Agreement.” Or one could call it a shallow version of Shakespeare’s King Lear, a mad man raging against storms. To make the theater analogy more complete, the next COP meeting # 22 is scheduled take place in Morocco in November 2016. Morocco was the setting of the very popular 1942 American film, *Casablanca*. Near the end the former lovers, now parting, played by Humphrey Bogart and Ingrid Bergman, wistfully say they will always have Paris. The film is reported to have cost \$950,000. The next COP meeting will cost the public far more. See links under Forget Paris, On to Morocco!

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**George Washington:** In his written, farewell address to the nation, after two terms as President, George Washington wrote several paragraphs cautioning the nation to avoid foreign entanglements. With the continuing COP UNFCCC process, we are witnessing that the advice remains sound. See link: <http://www.csamerican.com/doc.asp?doc=washfarewell#pt4>

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**Models v. Observations:** Last week’s TWTW linked to devastating testimony to the Senate Subcommittee on Space, Science, and Competitiveness by John Christy demonstrating, generally, the global climate models greatly overestimate atmospheric warming since 1979, when satellites were first used to gather data that can be used to calculate temperatures. The temperatures are calculated by three independent groups. These temperatures are independently confirmed by four different sets of measurements by weather balloon.

This week, Patrick Michaels and Paul "Chip" Knappenberger published a working paper reinforcing Christy’s findings. The new paper includes an update of one presented by the authors at last year’s meeting of the American Geophysical Union. The authors show a strong divergence between trends in the global climate models and observed global surface temperatures (ending 2014). In general, the divergence is outside of any realistic statistical boundaries.

In addition, Michaels and Knappenberger cite 14 studies, published in peer-reviewed scientific literature since 2011, that provide strong evidence that the temperature sensitivity of the earth to a doubling of CO<sub>2</sub> is at the low end, at best, to that estimated by the IPCC in its latest, Fifth Assessment Report (AR-5, 2013). See links under Models v. Observations

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**Siting Issues of Surface Temperature Stations:** The US weather station system measuring temperatures is one of the best in the world. However, in recent years there have been a number of adjustments to the historic data, that, in general, lower temperature measurements of the older data; thus, give impressions of warming trends where there might not be one. Updating earlier work, Anthony Watts and his team, analyzed the 1218 stations of the US Historic Climatology Network in the continental US (48 states). They determined 410 stations were not sufficiently disturbed to require adjustments over a thirty-year dataset. They determined that the 30-year temperature mean of well sited stations shows a significantly warming than the official temperature trend reported by NOAA’s National Climatic Data Center (NOAA/NCDC).

These and other significant findings were reported in a paper at this year's meeting of the American Geophysical Union. The justification for an annual COP theater is disappearing and NOAA's claims of the hottest year ever are highly suspect. See links under Measurement Issues.

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**Funding Green Groups:** According to an article by Patrick Michaels, at least some Green groups involved in promoting the COP theater are well-funded. The 2014 budget for the Environmental Defense Fund is \$120,500,000; Natural Resources Defense Council, \$106,000,000; and the Sierra Club, \$100,000,000. These numbers were not independently checked by TWTW, but are in line with numbers previously checked against IRS Form 990s. To which groups people give their money is their business, but, contrary to public myth, environmentalism is big business.

These green groups are spreading the fear of global warming/climate change. Also, they spread fear of hydraulic fracturing for oil and natural gas. Plus, in general, they oppose use of fossil fuels and other forms of generating reliable electricity. In the general media, the claims of Big Green and the assertions based on science are not carefully delineated, as they should be.

[Note: In 2014, SEPP received no donations in excess of \$5,000, which would trigger reporting requirements by the IRS. The same applies thus far this year, and the revenues and expenses are reviewed by an independent accountant.] See links under The Political Games Continue.

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**Undue Influence?** An editorial in the December 18 *Wall Street Journal* covers what may be undue influence by Big Green on policies being made by the Obama Administration, particularly the EPA. Thanks to the determination of Chris Horner of the Energy & Environment Legal Institute, once secret emails are showing a close working relationship between senior members of the EPA and members of Big Green such as Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC) and the Sierra Club. Prior emails showed a fictitious employee of the EPA, Richard Windsor, who won citations for his work. The non-existent Windsor turned out to be the prior EPA Administrator, Lisa Jackson (a recipient of SEPP's April Fool's Award).

The current batch of emails show Big Green targeting of coal-fired power plants and how the EPA can evade provisions in the Clean Air Act. The extent to which members of Big Green or EPA officials broke laws is not clear. No doubt, additional emails will be uncovered. The close working relationships started before EPA's questionable "Endangerment Finding" in 2009 that carbon dioxide emissions endanger public health. Without this finding, the administration's power plan to eliminate many sources of reliable electricity would be endangered. See Article # 1.

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**Number of the Week: 7.** Seven independent estimates of atmospheric temperatures were used by John Christy for his graph and testimony. The three satellite data sets are from the University of Alabama in Huntsville (UAHv6), Remote Sensing Systems (RSSv3.3), and NOAA (STAR). The four sets of balloon data include one from the UK Hadley Center (HatAT2).

Interestingly, the big press releases by NOAA claiming "the hottest (month) (year) fail to mention the atmospheric measurements including those from NOAA. The surface data that goes into these press releases is very spotty by comparison.

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**ARTICLES:** The Articles section is now at the bottom of TWTW.

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**NEWS YOU CAN USE:**

**Commentary: *Is the Sun Rising?***

## **November 2015 Solar Report: Sunspot Activity Remains The Weakest Since Dalton Minimum Of Early 1800s**

By Frank Bosse and Fritz Vahrenholt, Translated/edited by P Gosselin, No Tricks Zone, Dec 16, 2015

<http://notrickszone.com/2015/12/16/november-2015-solar-report-remains-the-weakest-since-dalton-minimum-of-early-1800s/#sthash.CAo8t0n6.dpbs>

*[SEPP Comment: Ed Caryl adds: The cycle length has increased by about 30%. Cycle length has been touted as an indicator of cold periods.]*

## ***Challenging the Orthodoxy -- NIPCC***

### **The irrational legacy of COP21**

By Craig D. Idso, Washington Examiner, Dec 14, 2015

<http://www.washingtonexaminer.com/the-irrational-legacy-of-cop21/article/2578220>

### **Why Scientists Disagree About Global Warming**

The NIPCC Report on the Scientific Consensus

By Craig D. Idso, Robert M. Carter, and S. Fred Singer, NIPCC, Nov 23, 2015

<http://climatechangereconsidered.org/>

Download with no charge

<https://www.heartland.org/policy-documents/why-scientists-disagree-about-global-warming>

### **Climate Change Reconsidered II: Physical Science**

Idso, Carter, and Singer, Lead Authors/Editors, 2013

<https://www.heartland.org/media-library/pdfs/CCR-II/CCR-II-Full.pdf>

Summary: <http://www.nipccreport.org/reports/ccr2a/pdf/Summary-for-Policymakers.pdf>

### **Climate Change Reconsidered II: Biological Impacts**

Idso, Idso, Carter, and Singer, Lead Authors/Editors, 2014

<http://www.nipccreport.org/reports/ccr2b/pdf/Full-Report.pdf>

Summary: <https://www.heartland.org/media-library/pdfs/CCR-IIb/Summary-for-Policymakers.pdf>

## ***Challenging the Orthodoxy***

**The IPCC doesn't believe its own models. The 1.5C ambitious target = 400ppm. We're already there!**

By Jo Nova, Her Blog, Dec 15, 2015

<http://joannenova.com.au/2015/12/the-ipcc-doesnt-believe-its-own-models-the-1-5c-ambitious-target-400ppm-were-already-there/#more-46923>

### **Climate science misrepresented**

By Jim Whiting, American Thinker, Dec 18, 2015 [H/t Timothy Wise]

[http://www.americanthinker.com/blog/2015/12/climate\\_science\\_misrepresented.html](http://www.americanthinker.com/blog/2015/12/climate_science_misrepresented.html)

### **Energy, Carbon Dioxide, and The Pause**

Guest essay by Ken Stewart, WUWT, Dec 16, 2015

<http://wattsupwiththat.com/2015/12/16/energy-carbon-dioxide-and-the-pause/>

### **Lessons Learned from My Failed Greenland Prediction and NOAA's Shifting Goalposts**

Guest Thread by Jim Steele, WUWT, Dec 16, 2015

<http://wattsupwiththat.com/2015/12/16/lessons-learned-from-my-failed-greenland-prediction-and-noaas-shifting-goalposts/>

### ***Defending the Orthodoxy***

#### **Why Climate Skeptics Are Wrong**

Or why climate skeptics are wrong

By Michael Schermer, Scientific American, Dec 1, 2015 [H/t Timothy Wise]

<http://www.scientificamerican.com/article/why-climate-skeptics-are-wrong/>

*[SEPP Comment: The failure to offer an alternative hypothesis is proof the skeptics of the popular hypothesis are wrong? How about natural climate change is the null hypothesis? Since when is it the duty of a critic of a hypothesis to offer another?]*

#### **Bob Ward Wants To Phase Out Gas Central Heating & Cookers**

By Paul Homewood, Not a Lot of People Know That, Dec 18, 2015

<https://notalotofpeopleknowthat.wordpress.com/2015/12/18/bob-ward-wants-to-phase-out-gas-central-heating-cookers/>

“Around 23m British homes use gas, but the Government wants to see far less reliance on it.

“Bob Ward, policy director at the Grantham Research Institute of Climate Change, said that to meet Britain’s commitment to the climate change deal, the days of using gas are numbered.”

### ***Questioning the Orthodoxy***

#### **A closer look at scenario RCP8.5**

By Larry Kummer, Climate Etc, Dec 13, 2015

<http://judithcurry.com/2015/12/13/a-closer-look-at-scenario-rcp8-5/#more-20642>

“Gerland makes a purely probabilistic forecast, without considering if Africa can support the same population density as China does today. Their high end forecast, used in RCP8.5, is that Nigeria’s population will grow from 175 million today to 1.5 billion in 2100.”

*[SEPP Comment: Examples of IPCC’s speculations.]*

#### **Kerry: Americans won't vote for a president not willing to act on climate**

By Thomas Lifson, American Thinker, Dec 14, 2015 [H/t Timothy Wise]

[http://www.americanthinker.com/blog/2015/12/kerry\\_americans\\_wont\\_vote\\_for\\_a\\_president\\_not\\_willing\\_to\\_act\\_on\\_climate.html](http://www.americanthinker.com/blog/2015/12/kerry_americans_wont_vote_for_a_president_not_willing_to_act_on_climate.html)

#### **Modern Day Versions of King Canute Find It Difficult To Replace God**

By Tim Ball, WUWT, Dec 11, 2015

<http://wattsupwiththat.com/2015/12/11/modern-day-versions-of-king-canute-find-it-difficult-to-replace-god/>

#### **We forgot the geography!**

By Andrew Montford, Bishop Hill, Dec 18, 2015

<http://bishophill.squarespace.com/blog/2015/12/18/we-forgot-the-geography.html>

“If the growth [in Antarctic sea ice] is "due to its geography" you have to wonder why the climate models predicted a decrease. Perhaps climate modellers forgot to put the geography in?”

### ***Defending Paris!***

#### **How US negotiators ensured landmark Paris climate deal was Republican-proof**

White House officials at COP 21 helped craft a deal congressional Republicans would not be able to stop – and the effort required major political capital

By Suzanne Goldenberg, Guardian, US, Dec 13, 2015

<http://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2015/dec/13/climate-change-paris-deal-cop21-obama-administration-congress-republicans-environment>

“Under US insistence, the 31-page agreement was explicitly crafted to exclude emissions reductions targets and finance from the legally binding parts of the deal. Other areas of the deal, including five-year review cycles, do carry legal force. That would free Obama from having to submit the deal to Congress.”

“The other exclusion zone was any clause in the agreement that would expose the US to liability and compensation claims for causing climate change.”

### **The road from Paris: International climate policy after the Paris agreement of 2015**

By Richard Tol, VOX, Dec 17, 2015 [H/t GWPF]

<http://www.voxeu.org/article/road-cop21>

### **The Paris agreement marks an unprecedented political recognition of the risks of climate change**

The nations gathered made a historic step down a very long road

Editorial, The Economist, Dec 12, 2015 [H/t Timothy Wise]

<http://www.economist.com/news/international/21683990-paris-agreement-climate-change-talks?cid1=cust/noenew/n/n/n/20151214n/owned/n/n/nwl/n/n/n/email>

### **A seismic shift**

After 25 years of divisive debate, the governments of the world unite in Paris to fight global warming. But the hard work must start now.

Editorial, Nature, Dec 15, 2015 [H/t Howard Hayden]

[http://www.nature.com/news/a-seismic-shift-1.19030?WT.ec\\_id=NATURE-20151217&spMailingID=50271052&spUserID=MjA1NTA3NDI5MAS2&spJobID=822569676&spReportId=ODIyNTY5Njc2S0](http://www.nature.com/news/a-seismic-shift-1.19030?WT.ec_id=NATURE-20151217&spMailingID=50271052&spUserID=MjA1NTA3NDI5MAS2&spJobID=822569676&spReportId=ODIyNTY5Njc2S0)

### **A Fair, Efficient, and Feasible Climate Agreement**

Jeffrey Frankel, a professor at Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government, previously served as a member of President Bill Clinton's Council of Economic Advisers. Project Syndicate, Dec 17, 2015

<http://www.project-syndicate.org/commentary/paris-climate-agreement-four-strengths-by-jeffrey-frankel-2015-12>

The agreement is: 1) comprehensive; 2) provides for re-assessment and revisions of targets; 3) takes steps towards transparency in monitoring each country's progress, and 4) provides for international linkages.

“Rich countries can't deny that their past emissions have inflicted harm on the world.”

### **Commentary: Climate talks deliver breakthrough as historic deal adopted**

By Ma Mengli, Xinhua, China, Dec 12, 2015 [H/t GWPF]

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2015-12/13/c\\_134910660.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2015-12/13/c_134910660.htm)

### **Paris climate talks: Differentiation of developed and developing stays, India happy**

The agreement from Paris does not have a single mention of 'historical responsibility' or to Annex-I and non-Annex countries, though it does emphasise the principle of CBDR at several places.

By Amitabh Sinha, The Indian Express, Dec 14, 2015

<http://indianexpress.com/article/india/india-news-india/paris-climate-talks-differentiation-of-developed-and-developing-stays-india-happy/>

### ***Analyzing Paris!***

#### **Doug Proctor: What #COP21 agreement means**

By Doug Proctor, Tallbloke's Talkshop, Dec 12, 2015

<https://tallbloke.wordpress.com/2015/12/12/doug-proctor-what-cop21-agreement-means/>

### ***Questioning Paris!***

#### **Stunning scientific illiteracy behind the Paris 2 °C target**

By Luboš Motl, The Reference Frame, Dec 12, 2015

<http://motls.blogspot.com/2015/12/stunning-scientific-illiteracy-behind.html#more>

Link to "Final Draft", Adoption of the Paris Agreement

By Staff Writers, CO1-21, UNFCCC, Dec 12, 2015

<http://unfccc.int/resource/docs/2015/cop21/eng/109.pdf>

[SEPP Comment: Lengthy post discussing how 2 °C came about and with selected quotes from others.]

#### **Paris Climate of Conformity**

It pays to be skeptical of politicians who claim to be saving the planet.

Editorial, WSJ, Via The Hockey Schtick, Dec 13, 2015

<http://hockeyschtick.blogspot.com/>

#### **Paris: impacts?**

By Judith Curry, Climate Etc. Dec 13, 2015

<http://judithcurry.com/2015/12/13/paris-impacts/#more-20646>

#### **Experts Blast "Voluntary" Paris Treaty: "Extraordinarily Costly...Will Do Nothing"..."Meaningless Gesture**

By P Gosselin, No Tricks Zone, Dec 15, 2015

<http://notrickszone.com/2015/12/15/experts-on-voluntary-paris-treaty-extraordinarily-costly-will-do-nothing-meaningless-gesture/#sthash.kBrmbqIT.dpbs>

#### **George Will: Climate Fine-Tuners Reach Another False 'Turning Point'**

By George Will IBD, Dec 16, 2015 [H/t Timothy Wise]

<http://news.investors.com/ibd-editorials-viewpoint/121615-785648-george-will-climate-saviors-reach-another-false-turning-point.htm>

#### **James Hansen, father of climate change awareness, calls Paris talks 'a fraud'**

The former NASA scientist criticizes the talks, intended to reach a new global deal on cutting carbon emissions beyond 2020, as 'no action, just promises'

By Oliver Milman, Guardian, Dec 12, 2015

<http://www.theguardian.com/environment/2015/dec/12/james-hansen-climate-change-paris-talks-fraud>

#### **Kellogg-Briand Climate Pact Signed in Paris!**

By Steven Hayward, Power Line, Dec 12, 2015

<http://www.powerlineblog.com/archives/2015/12/kellogg-briand-climate-pact-signed-in-paris.php>

*[SEPP Comment: The Kellogg-Briand Pact or General Treaty for Renunciation of War as an Instrument of National Policy was agreed to by Germany, France, and the United States on August 27, 1928, and signed by many other nations shortly thereafter. It did not succeed in preventing World War II.]*

### **Paris Hype: Remember Kyoto (“this agreement will be good for Enron stock!!”)**

By Robert Bradley Jr. Master Resource, Dec 15, 2015

<https://www.masterresource.org/kyoto-protocol/enron-and-kyoto/>

### **A Climate Agreement Powered by Hypocrisy**

By Bjørn Lomborg, a visiting professor at the Copenhagen Business School, is Director of the Copenhagen Consensus Center, Project Syndicate, Dec 17, 2015

<http://www.project-syndicate.org/commentary/paris-climate-agreement-hypocrisy-by-bj-rn-lomborg>

### **End of year consensus**

By Martin Livermore, The Scientific Alliance, Dec 18, 2015

<http://scientific-alliance.org/node/972>

### **Leaders Fight Phony Climate Enemy — Solving Real Problems Too Hard**

Editorial, IBD, Dec 14, 2015 [H/t Timothy Wise]

<http://news.investors.com/ibd-editorials/121415-785210-world-leaders-fight-fake-climate-enemy-solving-real-problems-too-hard.htm>

### **A new space race: satellites could test the world's climate vows**

By Barbara Lewis, Richard Valdmanis and David Stanway, Reuters, Dec 10, 2015 [H/t Timothy Wise]

<http://www.reuters.com/article/us-climatechange-summit-space-idUSKBN0TT33A20151210>

*[SEPP Comment: Such measurements would be acceptable, while satellite temperature measurements are ignored?]*

### **#AGU15 Paris Climate Accord, An Important Step Forward, But are We Solving the Right Problem?**

By Peter Landon Ward, PhD, WUWT, Dec 15, 2015

<http://wattsupwiththat.com/2015/12/15/agu15-paris-climate-accord-an-important-step-forward-but-are-we-solving-the-right-problem/>

### **The Non-Binding Paris Deal And Its Implications,**

By Benny Peiser, Daily Telegraph, Via GWPF, Dec 14, 2015

<http://www.thegwpf.com/benny-peiser-the-non-binding-paris-deal-and-its-implications/>

### **Climate make-believe in Paris**

By Rich Lowry, Jewish World Review, Dec 15, 2015

<http://www.jewishworldreview.com/1215/lowry121515.php3>

### **GWPF Welcomes Non-Binding And Toothless UN Climate Deal \***

By Benny Peiser, GWPF, Dec 12, 2015

<http://www.thegwpf.com/gwpf-welcomes-non-binding-and-toothless-un-climate-deal-2/>

## **In Paris, Climate Change Alarmists Con Everyone, Including Themselves**

By Robert Tracinski, The Federalist, Dec 14, 2015 [H/t Timothy Wise]

<http://thefederalist.com/2015/12/14/paris-climate-change-alarmists-con-themselves/>

## **Media Effusively Praises Global Warming Deal That Does Nothing**

Editorial, IBD, Dec 14, 2015 [H/t Timothy Wise]

<http://news.investors.com/ibd-editorials/121415-785278-media-shows-its-true-colors-praising-a-deal-that-even-advocates-admit-is-a-failure.htm>

## **Obama's phantom climate change agreement**

Editorial, Washington Examiner, Dec 15, 2015

<http://www.washingtonexaminer.com/obamas-phantom-climate-change-agreement/article/2578349>

## ***Forget Paris, On to Morocco!***

### **UNFCCC COP 22**

Marrakesh, Marrakech, Morocco, 7 to 18 November 2016

<http://climate-l.iisd.org/events/unfccc-cop-22/>

## **The IPCC's Post-Paris Political Rallying Cry**

IPCC official Chris Field claims the latest IPCC report set the stage for a Paris climate deal. An e-mail he sent to colleagues three days ago is pure politics.

By Donna Laframboise, NFC, Dec 15, 2015

<http://nofrackingconsensus.com/2015/12/15/the-ipccs-post-paris-political-rallying-cry/>

*[SEPP Comment: "Chris Field is the founding director of the Carnegie Institution's Department of Global Ecology and Melvin and Joan Lane Professor for Interdisciplinary Environmental Studies at Stanford University. Field's research emphasizes field and laboratory studies of impacts of climate change, **from the molecular to the global scale.**" (Boldface added)*

*<http://dge.stanford.edu/people/cfield>. Also an author of the Summary for Policymakers of AR-5, 2014]*

## **Grand promises of Paris climate deal undermined by squalid retrenchments**

Until governments undertake to keep fossil fuels in the ground, they will continue to undermine agreement they have just made

By George Monbiot, Guardian, UK, Dec 12, 2015

<http://www.theguardian.com/environment/georgemonbiot/2015/dec/12/paris-climate-deal-governments-fossil-fuels>

By comparison to what it could have been, it's a miracle. By comparison to what it should have been, it's a disaster.

## **Paris climate change deal too weak to help poor, critics warn**

COP21 agreement excludes poor and fails to put humanity's interests above short-term goals, say environmentalists and financial experts

By Fiona Harvey, The Guardian, UK, Dec 14, 2015 [H/t WUWT]

<http://www.theguardian.com/environment/2015/dec/14/paris-climate-change-deal-cop21-oxfam-actionaid>

## **Q&A: What's Next After COP21?**

By Miklos Gaspar, IAEA Office of Public information and Communication, IAEA, Dec 18, 2015

<https://www.iaea.org/newscenter/news/qa-what%E2%80%99s-next-after-cop21>

### ***The Administration's Power Plan***

#### **Administration unveils 'historic' efficiency rules for air conditioners**

By Devin Henry, The Hill, Dec 17, 2015

<http://thehill.com/policy/energy-environment/263647-feds-push-historic-new-air-conditioning-energy-rules>

*[SEPP Comment: No consideration of costs to purchasers.]*

### ***The Administration's Power Plan – Independent Analysis***

#### **The cost of cleaner power**

By Janet Nguyen, Marketplace, Dec 14, 2015

<http://www.marketplace.org/2015/12/09/world/cpp-draft>

*[SEPP Comment: Great propaganda photo of condensing steam.]*

### ***The Administration's Power Plan – Push-Back***

#### **Adverse Effects of EPA's Clean Power Plan**

By Donn Dears, Power For USA, Dec 18, 2015

<https://dddusmma.wordpress.com/2015/12/18/adverse-effects-of-epas-clean-power-plan-2/>

### ***Social Benefits of Carbon***

#### **Demonizing the Gas of Life**

By Joseph D'Aleo, ICECAP, Dec 16, 2015

[http://icecap.us/index.php/go/political-climate/demonizing\\_the\\_gas\\_of\\_life/](http://icecap.us/index.php/go/political-climate/demonizing_the_gas_of_life/)

### ***Problems in the Orthodoxy***

#### **Greenland May Seek UN Climate Deal Opt-Out Amid Emissions Goal**

By Peter Levring, Bloomberg, Dec 14, 2015

<http://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2015-12-14/greenland-may-seek-un-climate-deal-opt-out-amid-emissions-goal>

The ink hasn't yet dried on the UN climate accord and one of the territories most at risk from global warming is already demanding an opt-out.

*[SEPP Comment: Contrary to the opinion of the journalist, the government of extremely cold Greenland does not think it is at risk from global warming.]*

#### **Why China, India and Russia want to be bought off for the Paris Climate PR Spectacle**

By Jo Nova, Her Blog, Dec 12, 2015

<http://joannenova.com.au/2015/12/why-china-india-and-russia-want-to-be-bought-off-for-the-paris-climate-pr-spectacle/>

### ***Seeking a Common Ground***

#### **Scientists & identity-protective cognition**

By Judith Curry, Climate Etc. Dec 12, 2015

<http://judithcurry.com/2015/12/12/scientists-identity-protective-cognition/#more-20638>

“I regard this as an extremely important line of research. Laboratory experiments assessing this are invaluable here. It would be WONDERFUL to see some experiments assessing all this from a spectrum of climate scientists. Too much of the social psychology surrounding climate change is the pernicious twaddle coming from Lewandowsky et al.”

## **The new climate ‘deniers’**

By Judith Curry, Climate Etc. Dec 16, 2015

<http://judithcurry.com/2015/12/16/the-new-climate-deniers/>

## ***Models v. Observations***

### **U.S. Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, & Transportation**

Subcommittee on Space, Science and Competitiveness

Testimony of John R. Christy, University of Alabama in Huntsville, Dec 8, 2015

[http://www.commerce.senate.gov/public/\\_cache/files/fcbf4cb6-3128-4fdc-b524-7f2ad4944c1d/80931BD995AF75BA7B819A51ADA9CE99.dr.-john-christy-testimony.pdf](http://www.commerce.senate.gov/public/_cache/files/fcbf4cb6-3128-4fdc-b524-7f2ad4944c1d/80931BD995AF75BA7B819A51ADA9CE99.dr.-john-christy-testimony.pdf)

## **Climate models versus climate reality**

By Pat Michaels and Chip Knappenberger, Climate Etc. Dec 17, 2015

<http://judithcurry.com/2015/12/17/climate-models-versus-climate-reality/>

## **Climate Models and Climate Reality: A Closer Look at a Lukewarming World**

By Patrick J. Michaels and Paul C. "Chip" Knappenberger, Cato, Dec 15, 2015

<http://www.cato.org/publications/working-paper/climate-models-climate-reality-closer-look-lukewarming-world>

Link to full paper: Same title, authors, and date

[http://object.cato.org/sites/cato.org/files/pubs/pdf/working-paper-35\\_2.pdf](http://object.cato.org/sites/cato.org/files/pubs/pdf/working-paper-35_2.pdf)

## **Study: Current climate models misrepresent El Niño**

By Anthony Watts, WUWT, Dec 15, 2015

<http://wattsupwiththat.com/2015/12/15/study-current-climate-models-misrepresent-el-nino/>

Link to paper: Links between tropical Pacific seasonal, interannual and orbital variability during the Holocene

By Emile-Geay, et al. Nature Geoscience, Dec 14, 2015

<http://www.nature.com/ngeo/journal/vaop/ncurrent/full/ngeo2608.html>

## ***Model Issues***

### **The extraordinary climate effect of land-use change**

By Andrew Montford, Bishop Hill, Dec 15, 2015

<http://bishophill.squarespace.com/blog/2015/12/15/the-extraordinary-climate-effect-of-land-use-change.html>

Link to paper: Implications for climate sensitivity from the response to individual forcings

By Marvel, Schmidt, Miller, & Nazarenko, Nature Climate Change, Dec 14, 2015

<http://www.nature.com/nclimate/journal/vaop/ncurrent/full/nclimate2888.html>

Montford: “My point here is not that this will make a difference to their results - the effect of land-use change in their simulations is small anyway. But it does highlight the constant problem with computer simulations, namely that you can kid yourself that they are a reflection of reality, when in fact they are entirely unphysical.”

## ***Measurement Issues***

### **Press Release – Watts at #AGU15 The quality of temperature station siting matters for temperature trends**

By Anthony Watts, WUWT, Dec 17, 2015

<http://wattsupwiththat.com/2015/12/17/press-release-agu15-the-quality-of-temperature-station-siting-matters-for-temperature-trends/>

### **Watts et al.: Temperature station siting matters**

By Judith Curry, Climate Etc. Dec 17, 2015

<http://judithcurry.com/2015/12/17/watts-et-al-temperature-station-siting-matters/#more-20689>

Link to presentation: Comparison of Temperature Trends Using an Unperturbed Subset of The U.S. Historical Climatology Network

By Anthony Watts, Evan Jones, John Nielsen Gammon, and John Christy

<https://wattsupwiththat.files.wordpress.com/2015/12/agu-poster-watts-website-release.pdf>

### **Anthony Watts at AGU2015 shows that hot air rises off concrete (it does affect thermometers)**

By Jo Nova, Her Blog, Dec 18, 2015

<http://joannenova.com.au/2015/12/anthony-watts-at-agu2015-shows-that-hot-air-rises-off-concrete-it-does-affect-thermometers/>

### **Less knowledge about global species diversity than assumed**

By Staff Writers, Leipzig, Germany (SPX), Dec 17, 2015

[http://www.terraviva.com/reports/Less\\_knowledge\\_about\\_global\\_species\\_diversity\\_than\\_assumed\\_999.html](http://www.terraviva.com/reports/Less_knowledge_about_global_species_diversity_than_assumed_999.html)

Link to paper: Multitrophic diversity in a biodiverse forest is highly nonlinear across spatial scales

By Schuldt, et al. Nature Communications, Dec 10, 2015

<http://www.nature.com/ncomms/2015/151210/ncomms10169/full/ncomms10169.html>

### ***Changing Weather***

#### **Dead Blob**

Cliff Mass, Weather Blog, Dec 17, 2015

<http://cliffmass.blogspot.com/2015/12/dead-blob.html>

#### **Mountains of Snow**

By Cliff Mass, Weather blog, Dec 15, 2015

<http://cliffmass.blogspot.com/2015/12/mountains-of-snow.html>

*[SEPP Comment: Blob gone! See link immediately above.]*

### **NOAA debunks the hysteria about this El Niño. Why don't we listen?**

By Larry Kummer, from the Fabius Maximus website, WUWT, Dec 17, 2015

<http://wattsupwiththat.com/2015/12/17/noaa-debunks-the-hysteria-about-this-el-nio-why-dont-we-listen/>

### **How NASA Sees El Nino Effects From Space**

By Staff Writers, Pasadena CA (JPL), Dec 16, 2015

[http://www.spacedaily.com/reports/How\\_NASA\\_Sees\\_El\\_Nino\\_Effects\\_From\\_Space\\_999.html](http://www.spacedaily.com/reports/How_NASA_Sees_El_Nino_Effects_From_Space_999.html)

Link to web site: Latest El Niño/La Niña Watch Data [Sea Surface Height Anomaly]

By Staff Writers, JPL, Dec 6, 2015

<https://sealevel.jpl.nasa.gov/science/elninopdo/latestdata/>

### **Is Winter Rainfall Becoming More Extreme?**

By Paul Homewood, Not a Lot of People Know That, Dec 15, 2015

<https://notalotofpeopleknowthat.wordpress.com/2015/12/15/is-winter-rainfall-becoming-more-extreme/>

### ***Changing Climate***

#### **New research shows Earth's tilt influences climate change**

By Anthony Watts, WUWT, Dec 15, 2015

<http://wattsupwiththat.com/2015/12/15/new-research-shows-earths-tilt-influences-climate-change/>

#### **NOAA Website on Climate: Earth's Hottest Period Occurred Before Man Existed**

By Penny Starr, CNS News, Dec 15, 2015 [H/t Timothy Wise]

<http://www.cnsnews.com/blog/penny-starr/federal-website-climate-earths-hottest-period-occurred-man-existed>

### ***Changing Seas***

#### **Detailed picture of the chemical structure of oceans 520M years ago emerges**

By Staff Writers, Beijing, China (SPX), Dec 17, 2015

[http://www.spacedaily.com/reports/Scientists\\_paint\\_a\\_detailed\\_picture\\_of\\_the\\_chemical\\_structure\\_of\\_oceans\\_520\\_million\\_years\\_ago\\_999.html](http://www.spacedaily.com/reports/Scientists_paint_a_detailed_picture_of_the_chemical_structure_of_oceans_520_million_years_ago_999.html)

A theoretical prediction of chemical zonation in early oceans (>520 Ma)

By Chao Li, Meng Cheng, Thomas J. Algeo, and ShuCheng Xie, Science China Earth Sciences, Sep 11, 2015

<http://link.springer.com/article/10.1007%2Fs11430-015-5190-7>

*[SEPP Comment: The chemistry was different, with oxygen rare and sulfur plentiful.]*

#### **Length of day increase and sea level rise linked**

By Anthony Watts, WUWT, Dec 14, 2015

<http://wattsupwiththat.com/2015/12/14/length-of-day-increase-and-sea-level-rise-linked/>

With 12 climate change-related centres and institutes and 24 climate change-related Canada Research Chairs, the University of Alberta is committed to researching the causes and effects of climate change. Researchers study past climate changes to better predict future changes.

*[SEPP Comment: How many of these centers have studied the weather records compiled by the Hudson Bay Company?]*

### ***Changing Cryosphere – Land / Sea Ice***

#### **Climate Change Triggered Another Year of Extremes in the Arctic**

By Staff Writers, Takepart.com, Dec 13, 2015 [H/t Clyde Spencer]

<http://news.yahoo.com/climate-change-triggered-another-extremes-arctic-201511270.html>

Link to Arctic Report Card: Update for 2015

By Jeffries, Richter-Menge, and Overland, NOAA, Dec 7, 2015

[http://www.arctic.noaa.gov/reportcard/exec\\_summary.html](http://www.arctic.noaa.gov/reportcard/exec_summary.html)

#### **Climate researchers employ tool from 1800s: Whaling logs**

By Mark Pratt, AP, Dec 16, 2015 [H/t Clyde Spencer]

<http://news.yahoo.com/climate-researchers-employ-tool-1800s-054830605.html>

*[SEPP Comment: Also interesting are the log books of ships in the Antarctic; some were able to sail closer to the continent than ships can sail now.]*

#### **Barents Sea polar bears adapt to changing sea ice conditions**

By Susan Crockford, Polar Bear Science, Dec 16, 2015

<http://polarbears-science.com/2015/12/16/barents-sea-polar-bears-adapt-to-changing-sea-ice-conditions/#more-69955>

### ***Changing Earth***

#### **Iceland volcano's eruption shows how sulfur particles influence clouds**

By Staff Writers, Seattle WA (SPX), Dec 12, 2015

[http://www.terraviva.com/reports/Iceland\\_volcanos\\_eruption\\_shows\\_how\\_sulfur\\_particles\\_influence\\_clouds\\_999.html](http://www.terraviva.com/reports/Iceland_volcanos_eruption_shows_how_sulfur_particles_influence_clouds_999.html)

### ***Acidic Waters***

#### **Life adapts — fish evolved from salt to fresh water in just fifty years**

By Jo Nova, Her Blog, Dec 16, 2015

<http://joannenova.com.au/2015/12/life-adapts-fish-evolved-from-salt-to-fresh-water-in-fifty-years/>

Link to paper: Evolution of stickleback in 50 years on earthquake-uplifted islands

By Lescak, et al. PNAS, Dec 14, 2015

<http://www.pnas.org/content/early/2015/12/10/1512020112>

[SEPP Comment: *In general, rain is acidic, while sea water is basic.*]

### ***Lowering Standards***

#### **Concerns about National Academy of Sciences and Scientific Dissent**

By Peter Wood, National Association of Scholars, Dec 15, 2015

[https://www.nas.org/articles/nas\\_letter](https://www.nas.org/articles/nas_letter)

### ***Communicating Better to the Public – Exaggerate, or be Vague?***

#### **The White House Misleads on Climate**

By John Hinderaker, Power Line, Dec 13, 2015

<http://www.powerlineblog.com/archives/2015/12/the-white-house-misleads-on-climate.php>

[SEPP Comment: *The skills of “chartmanship.”*]

#### **Blankets cover Swiss glacier in vain effort to halt icemelt**

By Nina Larson, Rhone Glacier, Switzerland (AFP), Dec 12, 2015

[http://www.spacedaily.com/reports/Blankets\\_cover\\_Swiss\\_glacier\\_in\\_vain\\_effort\\_to\\_halt\\_icemelt\\_999.html](http://www.spacedaily.com/reports/Blankets_cover_Swiss_glacier_in_vain_effort_to_halt_icemelt_999.html)

[SEPP Comment: *They are actually preventing the melting of ice carvings. A few centuries ago, villagers were praying the advancing glaciers would not crush their village.*]

#### **Arctic Temperatures Rising at Breakneck Speed**

By Tia Ghose, Live Science, Dec 16, 2015

<http://www.livescience.com/53111-arctic-warming-fast-in-2015.html>

“And more than half of the Greenland ice sheet melted in 2015.”

”Warming is happening more than twice as fast in the [Arctic](#) than anywhere else in the world,” said Rick Spinrad, the chief scientific officer at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA),”

[SEPP Comment: *The ice sheet that melted is still there and since the warming is not global, what is the cause?*]

### **An Ocean of Plastic**

Guest Essay by Kip Hansen, WUWT, Dec 17, 2015

<http://wattsupwiththat.com/2015/12/17/an-ocean-of-plastic/>

### **Drought Could Kill Off Many of the World's Trees**

By Tia Ghose, Live Science, Dec 15, 2015,

<http://news.yahoo.com/drought-could-kill-off-many-worlds-trees-144139591.html>

[SEPP Comment: *The Sahara is not known for its forests!*]

### ***Communicating Better to the Public – Make things up.***

#### **Library manoeuvres**

By Andrew Montford, Bishop Hill, Dec 14, 2015

<http://bishophill.squarespace.com/blog/2015/12/14/library-manoevres.html>

[SEPP Comment: *The models predict floods or drought, or both at the same time?*]

### **NOAA: Arctic air warmest in 115 years**

By Brooks Hays, San Francisco (UPI), Dec 15, 2015

[http://www.spacedaily.com/reports/NOAA\\_Arctic\\_air\\_warmest\\_in\\_115\\_years\\_999.html](http://www.spacedaily.com/reports/NOAA_Arctic_air_warmest_in_115_years_999.html)

[SEPP Comment: *How did they measure Arctic Air Temperatures 115 years ago?*]

### ***Communicating Better to the Public – Use Propaganda on Children***

#### **Australian Academy of Science trains school children to be lobbyists and teachers don't mind**

By Jo Nova, Her Blog, Dec 14, 2015

<http://joannenova.com.au/2015/12/australian-academy-of-science-trains-school-children-to-be-lobbyists-and-teachers-dont-mind/>

### ***Questioning European Green***

#### **A fracking corrective**

By Andrew Montford, Bishop Hill, Dec 15, 2015

<http://bishophill.squarespace.com/blog/2015/12/15/a-fracking-corrective.html>

Link to findings: Face-to-Face with Fracking

By Kevin Hollinrake, MP, Thirsk & Malton Constituency, No Date

[http://www.kevinhollinrake.org.uk/sites/www.kevinhollinrake.org.uk/files/pa\\_sept\\_15\\_ii\\_1.pdf](http://www.kevinhollinrake.org.uk/sites/www.kevinhollinrake.org.uk/files/pa_sept_15_ii_1.pdf)

[SEPP Comment: *An MP who investigates the issue personally!*]

### **Britain follows Paris deal with cuts to green subsidies**

By Nina Chestney, Reuters, Dec 17, 2015

<http://uk.reuters.com/article/uk-britain-solar-idUKKBN0U00OY20151217>

### **Britain approves national park fracking plans**

By Staff Writers, London (AFP), Dec 16, 2015

[http://www.oilgasdaily.com/reports/Britain\\_approves\\_national\\_park\\_fracking\\_plans\\_999.html](http://www.oilgasdaily.com/reports/Britain_approves_national_park_fracking_plans_999.html)

### **Green Madness: £11 Billion Smart Meter Programme In Chaos**

By Robin Pagnamenta, The Times, Via GWPF, Dec 15, 2015

<http://www.thegwpf.com/more-green-madness-11-billion-smart-meter-programme-in-chaos/>

### ***Questioning Green Elsewhere***

**Mounting Resistance: Vermont Democrat Announces “Wind Turbines Do Not Belong In Vermont, Period:”**

By P Gosselin, No Tricks Zone, Dec 13, 2015

<http://notrickszone.com/2015/12/13/growing-resistance-vermont-democrat-announces-wind-turbines-do-not-belong-in-vermont-period/#sthash.H2hrR0TU.dpbs>

### ***Funding Issues***

#### **Here's How Congress Is Quietly Giving The UN Money For Its Global Warming Agenda**

By Michael Bastasch, Daily Caller, Dec 16, 2015 [H/t Timothy Wise]

<http://dailycaller.com/2015/12/16/heres-how-congress-is-quietly-giving-the-un-money-for-its-global-warming-agenda/>

#### **The Paris Climate Deal: Is That All You Get For Your Money?**

By Patrick Michaels, Daily Caller, Dec 15, 2015 [H/t Timothy Wise]

<http://dailycaller.com/2015/12/15/the-paris-climate-deal-is-that-all-you-get-for-your-money/>

“Shaming” is all the Environmental Defense Fund (2014 budget: \$120,500,000), Natural Resources Defense Council (\$106,000,000), and the Sierra Club (\$100,000,000) got for their contributors. They devoted considerable portions of those budgets to Paris, and spent tremendous resources in praise of the president’s plans.

#### **White House: Spending Deal Allows Obama to Shift Money to Green Climate Fund**

By Barbara Hollingsworth, CNS News, Dec 18, 2015 [H/t Timothy Wise]

<http://www.cnsnews.com/news/article/barbara-hollingsworth/white-house-spending-deal-allows-obama-shift-money-green-climate>

### ***The Political Games Continue***

#### **Mystery Over Last Minute Change To Paris Agreement**

By Paul Homewood, Not a Lot of People Know That, Dec 13, 2015

<https://notalotofpeopleknowthat.wordpress.com/2015/12/13/mystery-over-last-minute-change-to-paris-agreement/>

#### **Republican Congressional Leadership Proposing Sell Out on Climate Tax Extenders and 2016 Funding**

By Alan Carlin, Carlin Economics and Science, Dec 18, 2015

<http://www.carlineconomics.com/archives/2350>

#### **NOAA Officials FINALLY Surrender Staff Emails To Lawmakers**

By Michael Bastasch, Daily Caller, Dec 16, 2015

<http://dailycaller.com/2015/12/16/noaa-officials-finally-surrender-staff-emails-to-lawmakers/>

### ***EPA and other Regulators on the March***

#### **Environmental Protection Agency--Application of Publicity or Propaganda and Anti-Lobbying Provisions**

By Staff Writers, GAO, Dec 14, 2015 [H/t Timothy Wise]

<http://www.gao.gov/products/B-326944>

Link to IG decision:

<http://www.gao.gov/products/B-326944#mt=e-report>

#### **GAO: EPA Used Covert Propaganda to Promote WOTUS Rulemaking [Waters Of The U.S.]**

By Aaron Larson, Power Mag, Dec 15, 2015

[http://www.powermag.com/gao-epa-used-covert-propaganda-to-promote-wotus-rulemaking/?hq\\_e=el&hq\\_m=3192230&hq\\_l=10&hq\\_v=5e660500d0](http://www.powermag.com/gao-epa-used-covert-propaganda-to-promote-wotus-rulemaking/?hq_e=el&hq_m=3192230&hq_l=10&hq_v=5e660500d0)

### **GAO: EPA broke law promoting water rule on social media**

By Kyle Feldscher, Washington Examiner, Dec 14, 2015 [H/t Timothy Wise]

<http://www.washingtonexaminer.com/gao-epa-broke-law-promoting-water-rule-on-social-media/article/2578312>

### **EPA Once Again Caught Breaking Laws To Push Green Agenda**

Editorial, IBD, Dec 15, 2015 [H/t Timothy Wise]

<http://news.investors.com/ibd-editorials/121515-785436-epa-caught-breaking-law-to-push-green-agenda.htm>

### ***Washington's Control of Energy***

#### **Shale Drillers Are Now Free to Export U.S. Oil Into Global Glut**

By Joe Carroll, Bloomberg, Dec 16, 2015

<http://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2015-12-17/shale-drillers-are-now-free-to-export-u-s-oil-into-global-glut>

### ***Oil and Natural Gas – the Future or the Past?***

#### **#AGU15 Likely to be the new irrational fear from fracking: “frackteria”**

By Anthony Watts, WUWT, Dec 16, 2015

<http://wattsupwiththat.com/2015/12/16/agu15-likely-to-be-the-new-irrational-fear-from-fracking-frackteria/>

### ***Return of King Coal?***

#### **After Paris: China's New Coal Boom In Asia**

By Michael Forsythe, NYT, Via GWPF, Dec 13, 2015

<http://www.thegwpf.com/after-paris-chinas-new-coal-boom-in-asia/>  
[SEPP Comment: *And in South America, Africa, and Romania.*]

### **Japan, South Korea stick to coal despite global climate deal**

By Jacob Gronholt-Pedersen, Meeyoung Cho and Aaron Sheldrick, Reuters, Dec 15, 2015 [H/t Clyde Spencer]

<http://news.yahoo.com/japan-south-korea-stick-coal-despite-global-climate-031331032.html>

### **Despite UN Paris Deal, India Will Double Coal Production By 2020**

By Andrew Follett, Daily Caller, Dec 14, 2015 [H/t GWPF]

<http://dailycaller.com/2015/12/14/despite-un-paris-deal-india-will-double-coal-production-by-2020/>

### **Coal or Climate? Vancouver Approves Giant Coal Export Facility on Eve of New Climate Deal**

By James Wilt, Desmog Canada, Dec 15, 2015

<http://www.desmog.ca/2015/12/15/coal-or-climate-vancouver-approves-giant-coal-export-facility-eve-new-climate-deal>

### ***Oil Spills, Gas Leaks & Consequences***

**A natural gas leak with seemingly no end**

By Ingrid Lobet, Marketplace, Dec 14, 2015  
<http://www.marketplace.org/2015/12/14/world/gas-leak-0>

### ***Nuclear Energy and Fears***

#### **German Continuous Nuclear Fusion Reactor Milestone**

Guest essay by Eric Worrall, WUWT, Dec 17, 2015

<http://wattsupwiththat.com/2015/12/17/german-continuous-nuclear-fusion-reactor-milestone/>

#### **The Anti-Science, Anti-Nuclear Left**

By Robert Bryce, National Review, Dec 11, 2015

<http://www.nationalreview.com/article/428358/global-warming-nuclear-power>

### ***Alternative, Green (“Clean”) Solar and Wind***

#### **AWED Energy & Environmental Newsletter: December 14, 2015**

By John Droz, Jr. Master Resource, Dec 14, 2015

<https://www.masterresource.org/alliance-for-wise-energy-decisions/awed-energy-environmental-newsletter-december-14-2015/>

#### **Wind Power**

By Chris Martin, Bloomberg, Dec 14, 2015

<http://www.bloombergview.com/quicktake/wind-power>

“Wind energy can be so cheap that producers in Texas, Germany and elsewhere sometimes pay grid operators to take it away. Since the wind is free and subsidies are delivered by the kilowatt, it can pay to generate electricity even when it’s not needed.”

*[SEPP Comment: If true, why continue subsidies and mandates?]*

### ***Carbon Schemes***

#### **The Dirty Secret of the Paris Climate Deal**

By Simon Lewis, Financial Post, Dec 17, 2015 [H/t Clyde Spencer]

<http://news.yahoo.com/dirty-secret-paris-climate-deal-120042875.html>

*[SEPP Comment: Lengthy post questioning carbon sequestration.]*

### ***Other Scientific News***

#### **Launch Delayed; NOAA Faces Key Decisions on Timing of Future Satellites**

By Staff Writers, GAO, Dec 10, 2015 [H/t Timothy Wise]

<http://www.gao.gov/products/GAO-16-143T>

Link to Report: Environmental Satellites: Launch Delayed; NOAA Faces Key Decisions on Timing of Future Satellites

By David Powner, Director, Information Technology Management Issues, GAO, Dec 10, 2015

<http://www.gao.gov/assets/680/674090.pdf>

#### **Peer-Review Fraud — Hacking the Scientific Publication Process**

By Charlotte J. Haug, M.D., Ph.D., New England Journal of Medicine, Dec 17, 2015

<http://www.nejm.org/doi/full/10.1056/NEJMp1512330?query=TOC>

#### **Heat radiates 10,000 times faster at the nanoscale**

By Staff Writers, Ann Arbor MI (SPX), Dec 14, 2015

[http://www.nanodaily.com/reports/Heat\\_radiates\\_10000\\_times\\_faster\\_at\\_the\\_nanoscale\\_999.html](http://www.nanodaily.com/reports/Heat_radiates_10000_times_faster_at_the_nanoscale_999.html)

"Faster' here refers to the speed at which the temperature of one sample changes the temperature of the other - and not the speed at which the heat itself travels. Heat is a form of electromagnetic radiation, so it moves at the speed of light. What's different at the nanoscale is the efficiency of the process."

### **Green Tea an 'Endocrine Disruptor'? If so, Everything Is**

By Gil Ross, ACSH, Dec 9, 2015

<http://acsh.org/2015/12/green-tea-said-to-be-an-endocrine-disruptor-next-mothers-milk/>

### **New NASA Satellite Maps Show Human Fingerprint on Global Air Quality**

By Staff Writers, Greenbelt MD (SPX), Dec 15, 2015

[http://www.spacedaily.com/reports/New\\_NASA\\_Satellite\\_Maps\\_Show\\_Human\\_Fingerprint\\_on\\_Global\\_Air\\_Quality\\_999.html](http://www.spacedaily.com/reports/New_NASA_Satellite_Maps_Show_Human_Fingerprint_on_Global_Air_Quality_999.html)

Link to Press Release and maps of **Nitrogen Dioxide**: NASA Images Show Human Fingerprint on Global Air Quality – Release Materials

By Trent Schindler, et al. NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center,

<http://svs.gsfc.nasa.gov/12094>

*[SEPP Comment: Note that the "human fingerprint" of Nitrogen Dioxide, is not the same as the human fingerprint of warming from Carbon Dioxide, which has not been empirically found. NASA fails to make this distinction.]*

### **Other News that May Be of Interest**

#### **Robots to Replace Human Workers**

By Donn Dears, Power For USA, Dec 15, 2015

<https://dddusmma.wordpress.com/2015/12/15/robots-to-replace-human-workers/>

#### **Early childhood exposure to farm animals boosts immunological responses**

By Staff Writers, Joensuu, Finland (SPX), Dec 17, 2015

[http://www.terraily.com/reports/Early\\_childhood\\_exposure\\_to\\_farm\\_animals\\_and\\_pets\\_modifies\\_immunological\\_responses\\_999.html](http://www.terraily.com/reports/Early_childhood_exposure_to_farm_animals_and_pets_modifies_immunological_responses_999.html)

Link to dissertation: The allergy and asthma protective effects of farm environment and pet animals – The role of immunomodulation

By Heidi Kääriö, Publications of the University of Eastern Finland, Dissertations in Forestry and Natural Sciences No 205, Dec 11, 2015

[http://epublications.uef.fi/pub/urn\\_isbn\\_978-952-61-1993-9/urn\\_isbn\\_978-952-61-1993-9.pdf](http://epublications.uef.fi/pub/urn_isbn_978-952-61-1993-9/urn_isbn_978-952-61-1993-9.pdf)

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### **BELOW THE BOTTOM LINE:**

#### **2015's Not Top Ten: The Biggest Junk Science**

By Staff Writers, Real Clear Science, Dec 12, 2015

[http://www.realclearscience.com/lists/junk\\_science\\_of\\_2015/](http://www.realclearscience.com/lists/junk_science_of_2015/)

#### **Are these futuristic high-altitude balloons the brave new world of solar energy?**

By Adam Epstein, Quartz, Dec 16, 2015

<http://qz.com/574372/are-these-futuristic-high-altitude-balloons-the-brave-new-world-of-solar-energy/>

#### **Underwater Balloons – a new idea in Energy Storage?**

Guest essay by Eric Worrall, WUWT, Dec 12, 2015

<http://wattsupwiththat.com/2015/12/12/underwater-balloons-a-new-idea-in-energy-storage/>

## Doomsday – 2000

By Staff Writers, Climate Change Predictions.org, Dec 18, 2015

<http://climatechangepredictions.org/uncategorized/5607>

“A senior environmental official at the United Nations, Noel Brown, says entire nations could be wiped off the face of the earth by rising sea levels if global warming is not reversed by the year 2000. Coastal flooding and crop failures would create an exodus of “eco-refugees,” threatening political chaos, said Brown, director of the New York office of the U.N. Environment Program.

“He said governments have a 10-year window of opportunity to solve the greenhouse effect before it goes beyond human ability.”

[\*San Jose Mercury News \(CA\) – June 30, 1989\*](#)

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### ARTICLES:

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#### 1. The EPA’s Secret Staff

Emails show the agency took dictation from green lobbies in possible violation of the law Editorial, WSJ, Dec 18, 2015

<http://www.wsj.com/articles/the-epas-secret-staff-1450483019>

SUMMARY: In the text above under Undue Influence?

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#### 2. How Much Will the Paris Climate Deal Cost the U.S.?

By William Mauldin, WSJ, Dec 14, 2015

<http://blogs.wsj.com/economics/2015/12/14/how-much-will-the-paris-climate-deal-cost-the-u-s/>

SUMMARY: According to the author The U.S. UNFCCC “...pledge is built around President Barack Obama’s “clean power plan,” which focuses on steep reductions in carbon dioxide emissions from the electricity sector—mainly coal. The U.S. government estimates the impact of the power rule—issued by the Environmental Protection Agency—at between \$28 billion and \$39 billion in 2030, or 0.1% to 0.2% of projected GDP.”

A projection by the World Resources Institute resulted in the \$170 billion hit to GDP in 2030, not considering the potential gains from better public health or an improved climate. And by 2040, the impact on GDP would decrease significantly.

*[SEPP Comment: The health benefits of the power plan and the reduction in CO2 emissions are as questionable as the global climate projections. Further, most projections do not consider the costs of unreliable electricity. Germany is now experiencing such costs.]*

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