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 Stanley S. Sokul
03/20/2003 12:51:08 PM

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To: Phil Cooney/CEQ/EOP [REDACTED]
cc: theodore w. ullyot [REDACTED] eop, edward a. boling/ceq [REDACTED]
bcc:
Subject: Re: CEI petition 

Phil, thanks. I was not yet at OSTP when the letter and suit withdrawal occurred, so I am not familiar with everything surrounding them, but the letter makes no promises and does not even reference the lawsuit. The lawsuit was withdrawn without a consent order or any other agreement (except w/o prejudice means they are not precluded from suing again on the matters raised). I believe the letter and lawsuit are irrelevant to the Data Quality Act petition in any event. Even if CEI has any point with regard to the effect of the letter on the national assessment being treated as policy, whether the national assessment is treated as policy has nothing to do with whether the national assessment contains actionable information errors under the DQA. Stan
Phil Cooney


 Phil Cooney
03/20/2003 12:42:36 PM

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To: Theodore W. Ulyot [REDACTED] EOP, Stanley S. Sokul/OSTP/[REDACTED] Edward A. Boling/CEQ [REDACTED]
cc:
Subject: Re: CEI petition

FYI -- from earlier this year, Phil

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 Noel J. Francisco
06/05/2002 04:40:49 PM

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To: Phil Cooney/CEQ [REDACTED]
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Subject: Re: CEI petition 

Phil:

1. The district court order in CEI v. Bush is merely the Judge's signature on our Joint Stipulation, which,

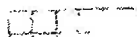
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as I told you earlier, says only: "Pursuant to Fed.R.Civ.P 41(a), the parties jointly stipulate to the dismissal of plaintiffs' Complaint without prejudice."

2. I reviewed the letter to EPA. My initial reaction is that the legal arguments look extremely weak, and, in any event, rest on factual assertions that are far from clear. However, I will touch base with the EPA's General Counsel's Office on the matter, as it should be conducting a thorough review of the issue.

Thanks,
Noel

Phil Cooney



 Phil Cooney
06/05/2002 03:32:20 PM

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To: Noel J. Francisco  EOP

cc:

Subject: CEI petition

Noel, Here's the petition -- I believe an EPA lawyer, John Boleri(?), was on the phone today asking about this, Phil

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Harvey.Reid@epa 
06/05/2002 10:27:27 AM

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To: reifsnyder  Phil Cooney/CEQ/ , Kameran L. Bailey/CEQ/ 

cc: Beale.John@epa , maccrac , Ketcham-Colwill.Nancy@epa 

Subject: CEI petition

John Beale asked that I send you a copy of the CEI petition filed with EPA yesterday.

Best regards,
Reid

(See attached file: cei petition.wpd)

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CREATOR: Phil Cooney (CN=Phil Cooney/OU=CEQ/O=EOP [CEQ])

CREATION DATE/TIME: 3-JUL-2003 07:40:14.00

SUBJECT:: Re: Insufficient time to review: Main CCSP Document for concurrence/final edits

TO: Clifford J. Gabriel (CN=Clifford J. Gabriel/OU=OSTP/O=EOP@EOP [OSTP])
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FYI, PHIL

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Phil Cooney
07/02/2003 05:48:35 PM
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To: James R Mahoney <[REDACTED]@noaa.gov>
cc: Erin Wuchte/OMB/EOP@EOP
bcc: Records Management@EOP
Subject: Re: Main CCSP Document for concurrence/final edits

Jim, I simply have not been able to review a document of this volume, and the annexes, in the time provided. I would review it for the comments CEQ provided, as well as attempting to discern what new material has been added that we have not seen before. Is there any means of your assuring me that CEQ's comments were accepted in this final draft -- and of pointing me to new language I have not seen before -- my alternative is to re-read the 330+ pages (not including the annexes). Thanks, Phil

James R Mahoney <[REDACTED]@noaa.gov>
06/30/2003 07:12:38 PM
Record Type: Record

To: [REDACTED]@USGCRP.GOV, [REDACTED]@USGCRP.GOV
cc: See the distribution list at the bottom of this message
Subject: Main CCSP Document for concurrence/final edits

Ladies and gentlemen,

I am attaching a PDF file with the revised text (without annexes) of the main CCSP scientific strategic plan document, for your concurrence or final edits. The annexes for the document are in final checking at the CCSP office at this time. I will send them to you as soon as their checkout is completed - expected for early Tuesday. These annexes will also be posted on the website <https://www.usgcrp.gov/techrw> as soon as they are completed.

name: techrvw

password: [REDACTED]

To reduce the PDF file size all of the graphics for the plan have been removed from the text file, and are also being posted on the same website as above (with the same name and password). These graphics should be available by approximately 8:00 PM this evening.

INSTRUCTIONS: DEADLINE IS COB WEDNESDAY, JULY 2

N.B. REMEMBER THIS DOCUMENT IS RESTRICTED

Please review this revised document, and take one of the two following actions:

1. If you concur with publication of the document, please send an electronic message with your concurrence to ERIN WUCHTE email: [REDACTED]@omb.eop.gov by COB WEDNESDAY, with a copy to me.

2. If you wish to discuss further revisions (please keep to the minimum feasible), please email me or call me at [REDACTED] by COB WEDNESDAY.

We need to keep Thursday, July 3 available for us to review and understand any open edit issues with you. We expect to commit time over the July 4 weekend to resolve any issues, so that we can reach closure by midday Monday July 7.

We must be able to release the document for final copy edit, composing and printing after July 7, so that we can have printed copies available for the public presentation by Secretaries Abraham and Evans currently scheduled for July 15.

I look forward to receiving the message of your concurrence, or your list of issues remaining to be addressed, by Wednesday, July 2.

Thank you again for your attention to this.

Jim Mahoney

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- James.R.Mahoney.vcf

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To:

Kathie L. Olsen/OSTP/EOP@EOP

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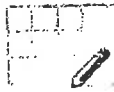
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01/27/2006 09:00:05 PM

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To: Alan Hecht/CEQ [REDACTED]
cc: Clifford J. Gabriel/OSTP [REDACTED]
Subject: State of the Environment Report comments from OSTP

Alan:
With sincere apologies for the delay, here are the OSTP comments of EPA's State of the Environment Report. Our comments are especially strong on the climate change section and the discussion of chemicals "associated", "linked to", etc., various toxic endpoints. We'll look forward to the follow-up meetings
Paul



State of the Environment Report - OSTP Comment

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environmental factors interact with genetic factors to cause health effects, the evidence that now exists suggests that this is an area worthy of further elucidation.

- Page 20-23, paragraph 3, sentence 1. See above comments.
- Page 20-23, paragraph 3, sentence 6; "A number of studies..." This should be referenced since it refers to studies.
- Page 20-23, paragraph 4, sentence 3; "...may be linked to Sudden Infant Death Syndrome". Need reference.
- Page 2-26; Spell out acronym "COPD" on first use.
- Page 2-27, line 1: "NHANES" is not defined. Define on first use
- Page 2-27, paragraph 2, sentence 1; Excellent sentence and should be a thread throughout the report.
- Page 3-4, chart; Is this a good indicator? What is this chart telling us in terms of State of the Environment and Human Health?
- Page 3-14 through 3-20; This section should be thoroughly reviewed for content and the usefulness of that content. The section "What are the contributions to climate change is not balanced and virtually ignores any mention of natural variability. There is language that exists in the new "Our Changing Planet" Report or even the NAS report from 2001 that provides the balanced language. If this cannot be balanced, it needs to be removed.

The section entitled "What are the human health and ecological effects associated with climate change?" should be removed. The section raises the types of speculation on consequences that the President's program on climate change is seeking to clarify and reduce the uncertainty. Instead of the preceding charts on page 3-19, perhaps

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Alan Hecht
01/28/2003 04:35:53 PM

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To: James Connaughton/CEQ [REDACTED], Phil Cooney/CEQ [REDACTED]
cc: Dana M. Perino/CEQ [REDACTED], Theodore Heintz/CEQ [REDACTED], Roberta L. Conde/CEQ [REDACTED]
Subject: EPA SofE Report

Ted and my notes for 2PM discussion with Jim tomorrow on EPA State of Environment Report.

Review Process: all agency comment have been received. The comments are predominately technical. At the policy level only Lynn Scarlett has been constructively engaged. USDA Mark Rey's original concerns have evidently abated. USDA's response was received from NRCS. For the EOP, OMB, OSTP and CEA has all given comments. CEQ has managed the process and given informal comments.

EPA Response: EPA steering committee is meeting today to review all comments. We have asked EPA to provide us (by Friday) a tally sheet of their responses to comments and to identify any key issues that need CEQ arbitration.

Key Policy Level Issues. There are a few issues that should recieve attention at the policy level (other than sharpening the focus of the report giving clearer definition of purpose, overall tone, clarity and ease of presentation and overall objectivity) including: chapter on climate change --in or out and whether EPA's performance assessment should be included, and what should be included in the chapter on next steps.

Next Steps: This section is blank. This chapter may be the appropriate place to put the EPA report in the context of the large policy level review CEQ is beginning. The same point can be made in the introduction to the SofE report.

Final Decision. Set date for the final senior level meeting (1st week of February). Aiming for release by Earth Day

Content of briefing paper for the senior level meeting (Is list of issues enough?)
Communciation strategy for release, tie in to CEQ overall review and any earth day/month events.

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Robert S. Fairweather

03/04/2003 12:14:36 PM

Record Type: Record

To: Phil Cooney/CEQ/[REDACTED]
cc: Marcus Peacock/OMB/[REDACTED], Sherron R. White/OMB/[REDACTED]
Subject: EPA's State of the Environment Report - Revised Draft for final review

Phil, I don't know whether you have reviewed the Climate Section of the EPA report, but I think you and Jim need to focus on it before this goes final. Even though the information is generally not new, I suspect this will generate negative press coverage.

----- Forwarded by Robert S. Fairweather/OMB/[REDACTED] on 03/04/2003 12:07 PM -----

Claudia M. Abendroth

03/03/2003 04:56:33

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To: See the distribution list at the bottom of this message
cc: See the distribution list at the bottom of this message
Subject: EPA's State of the Environment Report - Revised Draft for final review

EPA's revised draft of its State of the Environment report is available for final review at the website:

<http://www.envidicators.org/fedreview/>

To enter the site, use "fedguest" as your user name and "[REDACTED]" as your password.

I suggest you start your review with the file entitled "FrontEnd Materials_L" -- this is the intro to the report.

Attached below are two files from EPA: notes for agency reviewers and an errata sheet.

Please provide me with your comments by 10a next Wednesday, 12. March.



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Thanks - Claudia

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Alan Hecht
03/06/2003 11:16:28 AM

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To: Theodore Heintz/CEQ [REDACTED], Kameran L. Onley/CEQ [REDACTED], Phil Cooney/CEQ [REDACTED]


cc:

Subject: Meeting with OMB Re: EPA SOE

OMB staff will meet with Ted Heintz and me on Monday at 11:30, 722 Jackson Place to go over our reviews of EPA SoE report. They have also marked up the climate section. On Monday we can compare notes.

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 Alan Hecht
03/13/2003 02:46:57 PM


Record Type: Record

To: Flynn.Mike@epa[REDACTED]
cc: James Connaughton/CEQ/[REDACTED], Phil Cooney/CEQ/[REDACTED], theodore heintz/ceq/[REDACTED]
Subject: Re: EPA Report on the Environment 

OMB will provide you by cob today a long list of edits and proposed changes. A few changes are important and reflect comments from Bob Fairweather. You will also have a log list of suggested edits from ceq with substantive changes on the climate section. I am prepared to sit down with you tomorrow morning to review the changes. Call me today.

I am gone all next week. If you can make the changes and give us the executive summary and final report with changes to approve, we can wrap this up during the week of March 24. Ted Heintz is here next week if you need his help.

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 Alan Hecht
04/04/2003 08:48:10 AM

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To: Phil Cooney/CEQ/ [REDACTED]

cc:
Subject: EPA SoE

EPA has the change. We should see the final copy next week. Final sit-down and review with OMB will be on Wed or Thursday. I sense some grumbling from EPA on the climate section, but we'll see if they push back.

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Alan Hecht
04/07/2003 04:53:43 PM

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To: Elizabeth A. Stolpe/CEQ/[REDACTED]
cc: Phil Cooney/CEQ/[REDACTED], James Connaughton/CEQ/[REDACTED], Theodore Heintz/CEQ/[REDACTED]
Subject: EPA Sof E Report

Elizabeth. In your mailbox are the two final chapters of the epa sate of the environment report on air and health. These versions reflect all agency suggested changes and extensive review by OMB, including one sit down with Rob Fairweather. A final sit down with OMB for the whole report will be on Monday.

Attached to each chapter is a summary of the comments received from omb and others on the last round of reviews, and epa responses.


Global air and climate change is a separate chapter. Phil and Rob worked this over and I returned it to EPA for their review. EPA will visit with me on Friday to argue any further changes.

If you have any comments, please let me have them by Friday morning. I want Jim to have report and an assessment over the weekend. I want to wrap this up next week in the final sit down with OMB.

Thanks.

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 Phil Cooney
04/21/2003 02:51:48 PM

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To: Kevin M. O'Donovan/OVP/ [REDACTED]
cc: Bryan J. Hannegan/CEQ/ [REDACTED], Kenneth L. Peel/CEQ/ [REDACTED], Debbie S. Fiddelke/CEQ/ [REDACTED]
Subject: Per your request: CEQ View of Soon-Baliunas Climate Change Study



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EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

April 21, 2003

MEMORANDUM TO KEVIN O'DONOVAN

FROM: PHIL COONEY PC

SUBJECT: SOON-BALIUNAS PAPER ON GLOBAL CLIMATE CHANGE (PAST 1000
YEAR HISTORY AND REVIEW OF PROXY DATA)

Brief Conclusion:

The recent paper of Soon-Baliunas contradicts a dogmatic view held by many in the climate science community that the past century was the warmest in the past millennium and signals human-induced "global warming." The paper reviewed over 240 research papers examining "proxy" data from recent centuries (e.g., tree rings, isotopic analysis from lake sediments, melt layers in ice cores) and concluded that they establish the reality of both the most recent "Little Ice Age" (from 1300 to 1900 A.D.) and the Medieval Warm Period (from 800 to 1300 A.D.), during which the global temperature was warmer than in the past century. We plan to begin to refer to this study in Administration communications on the science of global climate change; in fact, CEQ just inserted a reference to it in the final draft chapter on global climate change contained in EPA's first "State of the Environment" report.

While this study is a capable, peer-reviewed and published study of the "proxy" climate literature of the past 1000 years, it should be understood in the context of over fifty, major peer-reviewed studies that are published each year in prestigious journals, the majority of which essentially reinforce the orthodoxy of human-induced climate change, and project mostly detrimental impacts. In addition, Ms. Baliunas and Mr. Soon are well-known scientists to those in Washington who have followed the policy debates on climate change for the past decade, appearing before congressional committees in the mid- to late-1990s emphasizing their view that the influence of solar activity on global climate change has not been sufficiently considered. Their recent study was co-funded by the American Petroleum Institute, NOAA, NASA and the Air Force Office of Scientific Research.

With both the National Academy and IPCC (Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change) holding that the 20th century is the warmest of the past thousand years (see below), this recent study begins to provide a counterbalance on the point to those two authorities. It represents an opening to potentially invigorate debate on the actual climate history of the past 1000 years and whether that history reinforces or detracts from our level of confidence regarding the potential human influence on global climate change.

Some of the Orthodoxy:

Responding to the Bush Administration's request for an impartial review of the state of climate change science, the National Research Council in June 2001 stated the following regarding the temperature record of the 20th century, in historical context:

The IPCC report compares the warming of global mean temperature during the 20th century with the amplitude of climate variations over longer time intervals, making use of recent analyses of tree ring measurements from many different sites, data from the Greenland ice cores and bore hole temperature measurements. *On the basis of these analyses, they conclude that the 0.6 degree C. (1.1 degree F) warming of the Northern Hemisphere during the 20th century is likely to have been the largest of any century in the past thousand years.* This result is based on several analyses using a variety of proxy indicators, some with annual resolution and others with less resolved time resolution. The data become relatively sparse prior to 1600, and are subject to uncertainties related to spatial completeness and interpretation, making the results somewhat equivocal, e.g., less than 90% confidence. Achieving greater certainty as to the magnitude of climate variations before that time will require more extensive data and analysis.

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Alan - these changes
must be made.
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Phil

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Phil -
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Phil Cooney
04/16/2003 06:07:38 PM

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To: Alan Hecht/CEQ [REDACTED]
cc: Pemberton.John [REDACTED]
Subject: CEQ comments on draft EPA report




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Alan, attached is a redline that compiles the comments that I have collected from CEQ staff (including my own). These changes must be made, as we have discussed. Many thanks, Phil

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 Phil Cooney
04/24/2003 04:41:23 PM

Record Type: Record

To: Claudia M. Abendroth/OMB [REDACTED]
cc:
bcc: Records Management@EOP
Subject: Re: RoE - Global comments 

Claudia, thank you, Phil
Claudia M. Abendroth

Claudia M. Abendroth  04/24/2003 04:36:36

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To: flynn.mike [REDACTED]
cc: Alan Hecht/CEQ [REDACTED], Phil Cooney/CEQ [REDACTED], Kevin F. Neyland/OMB [REDACTED],
Christine A. McDonald/OMB [REDACTED]
Subject: RoE - Global comments

mike,
i am sending you comments from EOP review. please note that the comments reflect careful EOP review and clearance, and that no further changes may be made. in addition, please make sure that the text for the global section of the Executive Summary is consistent with these comments.



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Alan Hecht
05/07/2003 09:41:14 AM

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To: James Connaughton/CEQ [REDACTED], Phil Cooney/CEQ [REDACTED]
cc: Kameran L. Onley/CEQ [REDACTED]
Subject: EPA Report on the ERnvironment

Here is a status report. EPA was meeting last night to review climate section and determine if they can live with CEQ-OMB changes. Haven't heard anything yet this morning. They have resolved most other issues with OMB, largely focused on language and illustrations in health and the environment. I now have the revised executive summary for review (minus the summary statement on climate--pending EPA final review) End may be insight.

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Phil Cooney
05/13/2003 09:49:06 AM

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Subject: Re: EPA State of the Environment Report

FYI -- Please do not discuss by e-mail. Thanks, Phil

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Alan Hecht
05/13/2003 09:37:55 AM

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To: Claudia M. Abendroth/OMB/ [REDACTED]

cc: Phil Cooney/CEQ/ [REDACTED]

Subject: Re: RoE - Global edit [REDACTED]

EPA will yank the climate change section, and leave in strat ozone. Give me your edits on exec summary and I will do a clean copy for Phil's final review. Governor Whitman asking for mid June release.

Message Sent To:

- Dana M. Perino/CEQ/ [REDACTED]
- Debbie S. Fiddelke/CEQ/ [REDACTED]
- Kenneth L. Peel/CEQ/ [REDACTED]
- Kameron L. Onley/CEQ/ [REDACTED]
- Bryan J. Hannegan/CEQ/ [REDACTED]

Subject: Re: OCP - removing one sentence-OKAY?
From: "Hannegan, Bryan J." <[REDACTED]@ceq.eop.gov>
Date: Tue, 18 Oct 2005 16:02:32 -0400
To: Ahsha.Tribble [REDACTED]
CC: [REDACTED]Brown [REDACTED]

Yes, I concur.

-----Original Message-----
From: Ahsha Tribble <[REDACTED]noaa.gov>
To: Hannegan, Bryan J. <[REDACTED]ceq.eop.gov>
CC: KELLY BROWN <[REDACTED]Brown [REDACTED]ceq.eop.gov>
Sent: Tue Oct 18 16:05:28 2005
Subject: OCP - removing one sentence-OKAY?

Hi Bryan,

On page 38, lines 33-35, it has been suggested by our policy shop that we remove the first sentence in the "Projected changes in hurricane intensity and rainfall" section.

The sentence to be removed reads, "Recent research indicates that greenhouse warming may lead to increases in hurricane intensity and rainfall in future decades."

Do you concur? The remainder of the section is the same. It is the following:

<>Projected changes in hurricane intensity and rainfall. A recent study makes use of nine independent computer simulations of global climate change produced by different research institutions from around the world. In all, 1,300 simulated "hurricanes" were generated using a higher-resolution version of a current operational hurricane model forced by 80-year future "business as usual" climate model projections. Results of this study indicate a modeled link between surface oceanic warming and a change in intensity of simulated tropical storms. By 2080, the model-projected changes resulting from approximately doubled CO2 concentrations could cause an average increase of approximately one half a category in intensity (See Figure CVC-3) and an 18% increase in rainfall within 60 miles of the storm's center. Better understanding is needed of how natural climate variations influence the frequency, severity and favored paths of hurricanes, how the climate system responds to increased greenhouse gas concentrations, and how key physical processes (e.g., convection) are best represented in climate and hurricane models. It is essential that these advances be accompanied by improved understanding of how increasing coastal development is increasing societal vulnerability to present hurricanes, as well as potentially more intense hurricanes in the future. </>

Knutson, T.K. and R.E. Tuleya, 2004: Impact of CO2-induced warming on simulated hurricane intensity and precipitation: Sensitivity to the choice of climate model and convective parameterization. Journal of Climate, 17(18), 3477-3495.

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Ahsha N. Tribble, Ph.D.
Technical Chief of Staff
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RECORD TYPE: FEDERAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR:Robert C. McNally (CN=Robert C. McNally/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME:19-AUG-2002 17:02:25.00

SUBJECT:: Re: Revised Global Warming text for OAQPS Trends Report

TO:Phil Cooney (CN=Phil Cooney/OU=CEQ/O=EOP@EOP [CEQ])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Thanks for watching this Phil. Am back on Weds. but let me know if you need help.

Bob

----- Original Message -----

From:Phil Cooney/CEQ/EOP

To:Kenneth L. Peel/CEQ/

Kameran L. Bailey/CEQ/

Cc:Robert C. McNally/OPD/

Karen Y. Knutson/OVP/

Date: 08/19/2002 04:37:17 PM

Subject: Re: Revised Global Warming text for OAQPS Trends Report

Ken and Kam, see below and attached -- would like to discuss ASAP. I will advise EPA to use new quotes below and changes in attached text. I will also ask why climate change is mentioned at all in this report on air quality trends, whether it is required by law to be covered. Thanks, Phil

----- Forwarded by Phil Cooney/CEQ/EOP on 08/19/2002 04:33 PM -----

Phil Cooney
08/19/2002 03:54:04 PM
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To: Krieger.Jackie@epa/

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Subject: Re: Revised Global Warming text for OAQPS Trends Report

1. "Because of the large and still uncertain level of natural variability inherent in the climate record and the uncertainties in the time histories of the various forcing agents (and particularly aerosols), a causal linkage between the buildup of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere and the observed climate changes during the 20th century cannot be unequivocally established. The fact that the magnitude of the observed warming is large in comparison to natural variability as simulated in climate models is suggestive of such a linkage, but it does not constitute proof of one because the model simulations could be deficient in natural variability on the decadal and century time scale."

2. Making progress in reducing the large uncertainties in projections of

future climate will require addressing a number of fundamental scientific questions relating to the buildup of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere and the behavior of the climate system. Issues that need to be addressed include, a) the future usage of fossil fuels, b) the future emissions of methane, c) the fraction of the future fossil-fuel carbon that will remain in the atmosphere and provide radiative forcing versus exchange with the oceans or net exchange with the land biosphere, d) the feedbacks in the climate system that determine both the magnitude of the change and the rate of energy uptake by the oceans, which together determine the magnitude of and time history of the temperature increases for a given radiative forcing, e) details of the regional and local climate change consequent to an overall level of global climate change, f) the nature and the causes of the natural variability of climate and its interactions with forced

changes, and g) the direct and indirect effects of the changing distributions of aerosols. Maintaining a vigorous, ongoing program of basic research, funded and managed independently of the climate assessment activity, will be crucial for narrowing those uncertainties. 08

Krieger.Jackie@epa
08/19/2002 12:58:17 PM

Record Type: Record

To: Phil Cooney/CEQ/EOP@EOP

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Subject: Revised Global Warming text for OAQPS Trends Report

Hi Phil -- I am forwarding to you the draft Trends Report section on Global Warming. John Beale has spoken with you about this, I believe. We have tried to be consistent with the CAR and NAS report -- but please let us know if you have any comments and/or concerns -- thanks!

(See attached file: oaqpstrends_0802_globalwarming.wpd)

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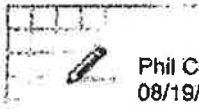
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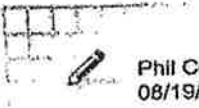
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gcpaaqtrpt802.doc Ken and Kam, see below and attached – would like to discuss ASAP. I will advise EPA to use new quotes below and changes in attached text. I will also ask why climate change is mentioned at all in this report on air quality trends, whether it is required by law to be covered. Thanks, Phil

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