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<<TCS Enviro-Sci - Defense of the Draft.htm>>

- TCS Enviro-Sci - Defense of the Draft.htm===== ATTACHMENT 1 =====

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TEXT:

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<!-- main site poll code -->

<html>

<head>

<base href="http://www.techcentralstation.com/1051/">

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<META NAME="description" CONTENT="Where Free Markets Meet Technology. Hosted by James K. Glassman">
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<script language="JavaScript">
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function MM_preloadImages() { //v3.0
  var d=document; if(d.images){ if(!d.MM_p) d.MM_p=new Array();
  var i,j=d.MM_p.length,a=MM_preloadImages.arguments; for(i=0; i<a.length; i++)
  if (a[i].indexOf("#")!=0){ d.MM_p[j]=new Image; d.MM_p[j++].src=a[i];}}
}

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function MM_swapImgRestore() { //v3.0
  var i,x,a=document.MM_sr; for(i=0;a&&i<a.length&&(x=a[i])&&x.oSrc;i++) x.src=x.oSrc;
}

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function MM_findObj(n, d) { //v4.0
  var p,i,x; if(!d) d=document; if((p=n.indexOf("?"))>0&&parent.frames.length) {
  d=parent.frames[n.substring(p+1)].document; n=n.substring(0,p);}
  if(!(x=d[n])&&d.all) x=d.all[n]; for (i=0;!x&&i<d.forms.length;i++) x=d.forms[i][n];
  for(i=0;!x&&d.layers&&i<d.layers.length;i++) x=MM_findObj(n,d.layers[i].document);
  if(!x && document.getElementById) x=document.getElementById(n); return x;
}

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function MM_swapImage() { //v3.0
  var i,j=0,x,a=MM_swapImage.arguments; document.MM_sr=new Array; for(i=0;i<(a.length-2);i+=3)
  if ((x=MM_findObj(a[i]))!=null){document.MM_sr[j++]=x; if(!x.oSrc) x.oSrc=x.src; x.src=a[i+2];}
}

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function MM_goToURL() { //v3.0
  var i, args=MM_goToURL.arguments; document.MM_returnValue = false;
  for (i=0; i<(args.length-1); i+=2) eval(args[i]+".location='"+args[i+1]+'";');
}

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function MM_openBrWindow(theURL,winName,features) { //v2.0
  window.open(theURL,winName,features);
}

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function doSaveAs(){
if (document.execCommand){
  document.execCommand('SaveAs',false,'.html');
}else{
alert('Feature available only in Internet Explorer 4.0 and later.');
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}
}

function doBookmark(){
if ((navigator.appName == "Microsoft Internet Explorer") && (parseInt(navigator
.appVersion) >= 4)) {
window.external.AddFavorite( document.location.href, document.title);
}else{
if(navigator.appName == "Netscape")
alert('Feature available only in Internet Explorer. To bookmark this page in Ne
tscape press CTRL+D');
}
}
//-->
</script>
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.underline {text-decoration: none; }
A:hover {text-decoration: underline; color: #ff8600;}
input { font-family: Geneva, Arial, Helvetica, san-serif; font-size: 10px; lin
e-height: 10px; font-weight: lighter}
select { font-size: 10px; line-height: 10px; font-family: Geneva, Arial, Helve
tica, san-serif}

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</head>
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gif','images/icon_tech.gif','images/icon_defense.gif','images/icon_enviro.gif',
'images/icon_health.gif','images/icon_investing.gif','images/icon_energy.gif')"
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border="0"></td><td width=596 background=images/banner_back.gif valign=top><im
g src=images/spacer.gif height=1 width=596><br>

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ImgRestore()" onMouseOver="MM_swapImage('home_rollout','','images/home_rollout.
gif',1)" onClick="MM_goToURL('parent','index.jsp');return document.MM_returnVal
ue"><img src=images/back_home.gif height=5 border="0"></a><img src=images/space
r.gif width=109 height=5 name="home_rollout"> --></td></tr>
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=15></td></tr>
            <tr height=5><!-- <td><img src=images/spacer.gif width=10 height
=5></td> -->
            <td><a href="javascript:;" onMouseOut="MM_swapImgRestore()" onMouseO
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wapImage('main_roll','','images/icon_main.gif',1)" onClick="MM_goToURL('parent'
,'index.jsp');return document.MM_returnValue"><img src=images/back_home_main.gi
f border="0"></a></td>
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ouseOver="MM_swapImage('tech_roll','','images/icon_tech.gif',1)" onClick="MM_go
ToURL('parent','tech.jsp');return document.MM_returnValue"><img src=images/nav_
back_tech.gif border="0"></a></td>
    <td><img src=images/spacer.gif width=21 height=5></td>
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ouseOver="MM_swapImage('enviro_roll','','images/icon_enviro.gif',1)" onClick="M
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mages/nav_back_enviro_on.gif border="0" width="71" height="5"></a></td>
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k="MM_goToURL('parent','health.html');return document.MM_returnValue"><img src=
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ick="MM_goToURL('parent','investing.html');return document.MM_returnValue"><img
src=images/nav_back_investing.gif border="0"></a></td>
    <td><img src=images/spacer.gif width=21 height=5></td>
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ouseOver="MM_swapImage('energy_roll','','images/icon_energy.gif',1)" onClick="M
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s/arrow.gif" width=10 height=10>
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</form>

<script src="helper/JavaScript/menu.js"></script>

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2B>- Friday Fodder</option>

<option value=techwrapper.jsp?PID=1051-250&CID=1051-12030
1D>- Today's Diary</option>

<option value=techwrapper.jsp?PID=1051-250&CID=1051-02250
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2E>- Point/Counterpoint</option>

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0403A>- Pinkerton Space</option>

<option value=defensewrapper.jsp?PID=1051-350&CID=1051-11

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801A>- Kyoto</option>
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function MM_openBrWindowStay(theForm,theURL,winName,features) { //v2.0
  if( theForm.Password.value != "" )
  {
    theURL = theURL+"?Password="+theForm.Password.value;
    if( theForm.Email.value != "" )
      theURL = theURL+"&Email="+theForm.Email.value;
    if( theForm.actionreq.value != "" )
      theURL = theURL+"&actionreq="+theForm.actionreq.value;

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}
else if( theForm.Email.value != "" )
{
    theURL = theURL+"?Email="+theForm.Email.value;
    if( theForm.actionreq.value != "" )
        theURL = theURL+"&actionreq="+theForm.actionreq.value;
}
else if( theForm.actionreq.value != "" )
{
    theURL = theURL+"?actionreq="+theForm.actionreq.value;
}

window.open(theURL,winName,features);
return false;
}
function MM_openBrWindowStayNoPassword(theForm,theURL,winName,features) { //v2.
0
if( theForm.Email.value != "" )
{
    theURL = theURL+"?Email="+theForm.Email.value;
    if( theForm.actionreq.value != "" )
        theURL = theURL+"&actionreq="+theForm.actionreq.value;
}
else if( theForm.actionreq.value != "" )
{
    theURL = theURL+"?actionreq="+theForm.actionreq.value;
}
window.open(theURL,winName,features);
return false;
}
function MM_openBrWindowStayNoParms(theForm,theURL,winName,features) { //v2.0
    window.open(theURL,winName,features);
    return false;
}
//-->
</script>

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tica, sans-serif" size="1" color="#FFFFFF">Enviro-Sci Host, TCS</font></td>
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station.com?subject=Defense of the Draft">
                        
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ne href="mailto:sbaliunas@techcentralstation.com, staff@techcentralstation.com?
subject=Defense of the Draft">Email Author</a></font></td>
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The Bush administration has proposed a common-sense review of the nation's climate research, one that could lead to a course correction for directing an area of scientific inquiry that has benefited from an infusion of over \$20 billion in funding in the last ten years. Considerable progress has already been made toward understanding the complex system of climate change, but more remains to be done to eliminate critical gaps in our knowledge.

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administration issued a draft outline analyzing and proposing changes to the Climate Change Science Program and welcomed all stakeholders - from scientists to the public - to discuss the future of climate research. The process is intended to determine what areas of climate research are in need of greater funding and support.

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The National Research Council organized a panel to review the draft. The panel was critical of the draft, but rather than clarify the existing state of climate science and research, the panel's members muddled the waters.

On the One Hand, On the Other

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the panel members claimed that a human-made component of global warming has been firmly established by the scientific community, thus obviating the administration's call for research to reduce uncertainties over anthropogenic warming and bolstering claims that a significant reduction in greenhouse gas emissions is necessary. But they also said, paradoxically, that significantly *more* research funding would be necessary to reduce the scientific uncertainties related to human-made global warming.

One of the panelists criticized the ad

ministration's research priorities, telling the *New York Times* that research "that would have been cutting edge in 1980 is listed as a priority for the future."

Despite this panelist's assertion, there are longstanding

improvements needed in basic climate science. For instance, a deteriorating and insufficient network for ascertaining surface temperature measurements must be strengthened; and understanding of the basic physics of convection that governs the transfer of large amounts of energy must be improved. Even after two decades of research in these areas, they remain at the leading edge of problems to be solved to reduce uncertainty in forecasts of the human-made climate impact.

Moreover, the panel asserted that more is known about a human-made warming trend than the Bush administration will admit. For example, one panel member, Michael Prather, announced that about half of observed warming trend of the last few decades is anthropogenic while the remainder is natural.

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is assertion leaves the impression that a human-caused global warming effect is understood thoroughly enough to differentiate the human warming trend from natural causes, and that research on the matter could be concluded and funding reduced.

Scientific claims about anthropogenic warming can be traced to

the conclusions listed in the U.S. National Assessment of the Potential Impacts of Climate Variability and Change and the United Nations' Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change 2001's Third Assessment Report. But these conclusions are uncertain because the main tools on which they are based are computer simulations that have not reliably reproduced either past or current attributes of the climate system. However, that is not surprising, since the natural influences of climate are still difficult to model. Reducing uncertainty about natural variability remains a critical concern in distinguishing human and natural warming trends.

The panel's claims are thus confusing: While claiming we know

enough to act on global warming by reducing greenhouse gas emissions, the panel also criticized the lack of a commitment to substantial new funding for improving climate research.

We Know What We Don't Know

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e panel's complaints try to have things both ways: Either the science is complete (or complete enough) to move ahead with substantial cuts in carbon dioxide emissions, or the climate forecasts are uncertain and require substantial advances in order to give reliable forecasts one or two centuries into the future. In the first case, the committee is calling for reductions in fundamental research

h in climate change, and a restructuring of energy policy in the U.S., with costs that will be difficult to bear in the next decade. In the second case, the argument for much more funding undercuts the previous assertion that the science is settled.

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Acting on imperfect information</a>&nbsp;<font color="#666666">by Dave Brown</f
ont></td>
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<!-- end of discussion comments -->
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<input type="hidden" name="actionreq" value="login">
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<tr><td>
<font face=verdana,arial size=1>
Free weekly updates delivered to your inbox!
</font></td></tr>
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<td><font face="Verdana, Arial, Helvetica, sans-serif" size="1">E-Mail:</font><
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ww.techcentralstation.com/1051/envirowrapper.jsp?PID=1051-450&CID=1051-022003E>
hydrogen</a> is a safe and stable alternative to traditional fuels?<br></font><
/td></tr>

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D=1051-030403E">
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ial size=1>Yes</font></td></tr>

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ial size=1>No</font></td></tr>

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<!-- main site poll code -->
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<title>TCS: Enviro-Sci - Defense of the Draft</title>
<META NAME="robots" CONTENT="all">
<META NAME="title" CONTENT="TCS - Tech Central Station">
<META NAME="description" CONTENT="Where Free Markets Meet Technology. Hosted by James K. Glassman">
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<META NAME="copyright" CONTENT="Tech Central Station L.L.C. - 2002">
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<script language="JavaScript">
<!--

function MM_preloadImages() { //v3.0
  var d=document; if(d.images){ if(!d.MM_p) d.MM_p=new Array();
  var i,j=d.MM_p.length,a=MM_preloadImages.arguments; for(i=0; i<a.length; i++)
  if (a[i].indexOf("#")!=0){ d.MM_p[j]=new Image; d.MM_p[j++].src=a[i];}}
}

function MM_swapImgRestore() { //v3.0
  var i,x,a=document.MM_sr; for(i=0;a&&i<a.length&&(x=a[i])&&x.oSrc;i++) x.src=x.oSrc;
}

function MM_findObj(n, d) { //v4.0
  var p,i,x; if(!d) d=document; if((p=n.indexOf("?"))>0&&parent.frames.length) {
    d=parent.frames[n.substring(p+1)].document; n=n.substring(0,p);}
  if(!(x=d[n])&&d.all) x=d.all[n]; for (i=0;!x&&i<d.forms.length;i++) x=d.forms[i][n];
  for(i=0;!x&&d.layers&&i<d.layers.length;i++) x=MM_findObj(n,d.layers[i].document);
  if(!x && document.getElementById) x=document.getElementById(n); return x;
}

function MM_swapImage() { //v3.0
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var i,j=0,x,a=MM_swapImage.arguments; document.MM_sr=new Array; for(i=0;i<(a.
length-2);i+=3)
  if ((x=MM_findObj(a[i]))!=null){document.MM_sr[j++]=x; if(!x.oSrc) x.oSrc=x.
src; x.src=a[i+2];}
}

function MM_goToURL() { //v3.0
  var i, args=MM_goToURL.arguments; document.MM_returnValue = false;
  for (i=0; i<(args.length-1); i+=2) eval(args[i]+".location='"+args[i+1]+'");
}

function MM_openBrWindow(theURL,winName,features) { //v2.0
  window.open(theURL,winName,features);
}

function doSaveAs(){
if (document.execCommand){
  document.execCommand('SaveAs',false,'.html');
}else{
alert('Feature available only in Internet Explorer 4.0 and later.');
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}
}

function doBookmark(){
if ((navigator.appName == "Microsoft Internet Explorer") && (parseInt(navigator
.appVersion) >= 4)) {
window.external.AddFavorite( document.location.href, document.title);
}else{
if(navigator.appName == "Netscape")
alert('Feature available only in Internet Explorer. To bookmark this page in Ne
tscape press CTRL+D');
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}
}
//-->
</script>
<style type="text/css">
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.nounderline {text-decoration: none; }
A:hover {text-decoration: underline; color: #ff8600;}
input { font-family: Geneva, Arial, Helvetica, san-serif; font-size: 10px; lin
e-height: 10px; font-weight: lighter}
select { font-size: 10px; line-height: 10px; font-family: Geneva, Arial, Helve
tica, san-serif}

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</style>
</head>
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gif','images/icon_tech.gif','images/icon_defense.gif','images/icon_enviro.gif',
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    gif',1)" onClick="MM_goToURL('parent','index.jsp');return document.MM_returnVal
    ue"><img src=images/back_home.gif height=5 border="0"></a><img src=images/space
    r.gif width=109 height=5 name="home_rollout"> --></td></tr>
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    =5></td> -->
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    ,'index.jsp');return document.MM_returnValue"><img src=images/back_home_main.gi
    f border="0"></a></td>
    <td><img src=images/spacer.gif width=21 height=5></td>
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    ToURL('parent','tech.jsp');return document.MM_returnValue"><img src=images/nav_
    back_tech.gif border="0"></a></td>
    <td><img src=images/spacer.gif width=21 height=5></td>
    <td><a href="javascript:;" onMouseOut="MM_swapImgRestore()" onM
    ouseOver="MM_swapImage('defense_roll','','images/icon_defense.gif',1)" onClick=
    "MM_goToURL('parent','defense.jsp');return document.MM_returnValue"><img src=im
    ages/nav_back_defense.gif border="0"></a></td>
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    M_goToURL('parent','enviro-sci.jsp');return document.MM_returnValue"><img src=i
    mages/nav_back_enviro_on.gif border="0" width="71" height="5"></a></td>
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    k="MM_goToURL('parent','health.html');return document.MM_returnValue"><img src=
    images/nav_back_health.gif border="0"></a></td>
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    src=images/nav_back_investing.gif border="0"></a></td>
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    es/nav_back_energy.gif border="0"></a></td>-->
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1;" value="Search" onClick="this.value=''">&nbsp;<input type="image" src="image
s/arrow.gif" width=10 height=10>
            </td>
            </tr>
            </form>

            <script src="helper/JavaScript/menu.js"></script>

            <form name="all_sections" action="" method="POST">
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">
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                    <option value=tech.jsp>Tech</option>
                    <option value=techwrapper.jsp?PID=1051-250&CID=1051-05310
2B>- Friday Fodder</option>
                    <option value=techwrapper.jsp?PID=1051-250&CID=1051-12030
1D>- Today's Diary</option>
                    <option value=techwrapper.jsp?PID=1051-250&CID=1051-02250
3E>- Superior Investing</option>
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3A>- Valley View</option>

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2E>- Point/Counterpoint</option>
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2E>- Digital Greenbook</option>
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                <option value=defensewrapper.jsp?PID=1051-350&CID=1051-11
1902E>- Point/Counterpoint</option>
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                <option value=envirowrapper.jsp?PID=1051-450&CID=1051-110
801A>- Kyoto</option>
                <option value=envirowrapper.jsp?PID=1051-450&CID=1051-021
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pt/date_time.js">
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  if( theForm.Password.value != "" )
  {
    theURL = theURL+"?Password="+theForm.Password.value;
    if( theForm.Email.value != "" )
      theURL = theURL+"&Email="+theForm.Email.value;
    if( theForm.actionreq.value != "" )
      theURL = theURL+"&actionreq="+theForm.actionreq.value;
  }
  else if( theForm.Email.value != "" )
  {
    theURL = theURL+"?Email="+theForm.Email.value;
    if( theForm.actionreq.value != "" )
      theURL = theURL+"&actionreq="+theForm.actionreq.value;
  }
  else if( theForm.actionreq.value != "" )
  {
    theURL = theURL+"?actionreq="+theForm.actionreq.value;
  }

  window.open(theURL,winName,features);
  return false;
}
function MM_openBrWindowStayNoPassword(theForm,theURL,winName,features) { //v2.0
  if( theForm.Email.value != "" )
  {
    theURL = theURL+"?Email="+theForm.Email.value;
    if( theForm.actionreq.value != "" )
      theURL = theURL+"&actionreq="+theForm.actionreq.value;
  }
  else if( theForm.actionreq.value != "" )
  {
    theURL = theURL+"?actionreq="+theForm.actionreq.value;
  }
  window.open(theURL,winName,features);
  return false;
}
function MM_openBrWindowStayNoParms(theForm,theURL,winName,features) { //v2.0
  window.open(theURL,winName,features);
  return false;
}
//-->
</script>
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            </tr>

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              </td>
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tica, sans-serif" size="1" color="#FFFFFF">Sallie Baliunas</font></div>
                      </td>
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tica, sans-serif" size="1" color="#FFFFFF">Enviro-Sci Host, TCS</font></td>
                    </tr>

                    <tr>
                      <td><BR><a href="mailto:sbaliunas@techcentralstation

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station.com?subject=Defense of the Draft">
  
  <font face="Verdana, Arial, Helvetica, sans-serif" size="1"><a class=nounder
ne href="mailto:sbaliunas@techcentralstation.com, staff@techcentralstation.com?
subject=Defense of the Draft">Email Author</a></font></td>
    </tr>
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ecting an area of scientific inquiry that has benefited from an infusion of over \$20 billion in funding in the last ten years. Considerable progress has already been made toward understanding the complex system of climate change, but more remains to be done to eliminate critical gaps in our knowledge.

The

administration issued a draft outline analyzing and proposing changes to the Climate Change Science Program and welcomed all stakeholders - from scientists to the public - to discuss the future of climate research. The process is intended to determine what areas of climate research are in need of greater funding and support.

The National Research Council organized a panel to review the draft. The panel was critical of the draft, but rather than clarify the existing state of climate science and research, the panel's members muddied the waters.

On the One Hand, On the Other

On the one hand,

the panel members claimed that a human-made component of global warming has been firmly established by the scientific community, thus obviating the administration's call for research to reduce uncertainties over anthropogenic warming and bolstering claims that a significant reduction in greenhouse gas emissions is necessary. But they also said, paradoxically, that significantly *more* research funding would be necessary to reduce the scientific uncertainties related to human-made global warming.

One of the panelists criticized the administration's research priorities, telling the *New York Times* that research "that would have been cutting edge in 1980 is listed as a priority for the future."

Despite this panelist's assertion, there are longstanding improvements needed in basic climate science. For instance, a deteriorating and insufficient network for ascertaining surface temperature measurements must be strengthened; and understanding of the basic physics of convection that governs the transfer of large amounts of energy must be improved. Even after two decades of research in these areas, they remain at the leading edge of problems to be solved to reduce uncertainty in forecasts of the human-made climate impact.

Moreover, the panel asserted that more is known about a human-made warming trend than the Bush administration will admit. For example, one panel member, Michael Prather, announced that about half of observed warming trend of the last few decades is anthropogenic while the remainder is natural.

Th

is assertion leaves the impression that a human-caused global warming effect is understood thoroughly enough to differentiate the human warming trend from natural causes, and that research on the matter could be concluded and funding reduced.

Scientific claims about anthropogenic warming can be traced to the conclusions listed in the U.S. National Assessment of the Potential Impacts of Climate Variability and Change and the United Nations' Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change 2001's Third Assessment Report. But these conclusions are uncertain because the main tools on which they are based are computer simulations that have not reliably reproduced either past or current attributes of the climate system. However, that is not surprising, since the natural influences of climate are still difficult to model. Reducing uncertainty about natural var

iability remains a critical concern in distinguishing human and natural warming trends.

The panel's claims are thus confusing: While claiming we know enough to act on global warming by reducing greenhouse gas emissions, the panel also criticized the lack of a commitment to substantial new funding for improving climate research.

We Know What We Don't Know

The

panel's complaints try to have things both ways: Either the science is complete (or complete enough) to move ahead with substantial cuts in carbon dioxide emissions, or the climate forecasts are uncertain and require substantial advances in order to give reliable forecasts one or two centuries into the future. In the first case, the committee is calling for reductions in fundamental research in climate change, and a restructuring of energy policy in the U.S., with costs that will be difficult to bear in the next decade. In the second case, the argument for much more funding undercuts the previous assertion that the science is settled.

Implementing large and immediate cuts in greenhouse gas emissions will be costly to human health, welfare and the environment. Waiting for two or three decades while the technology to reduce greenhouse gas emissions improves and becomes more affordable does not, according to computer simulations shown in the UN assessment, add significant warming at the end of 100 years. It would make greenhouse gas cuts easier and more affordable. Most important, prioritized research in that interval may allow scientific progress in understanding climate physics and defining the extent of human-made climate change - which was the original point of the draft document.

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Free weekly updates delivered to your inbox!
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