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EPA Global Warming Report Violates White House Agreement To Settle Lawsuit

Report Relies on Discredited Science Previously Disavowed as Official Policy

Washington, D.C., June 3, 2002-The Environmental Protection Agency's latest report on global warming to the United Nations, Climate Action Report 2002, violates an agreement between the White House and the Competitive Enterprise Institute, three members of Congress, and other non-profit advocacy groups, struck in settlement of a lawsuit. The report relies in part on the discredited National Assessment on Climate Change.

As a result of the lawsuit filed in October 2000, the Bush Administration ultimately agreed in September 2001 to withdraw the National Assessment and stated that its unlawfully produced conclusions are "not policy positions or official statements of the U.S. government." EPA has ignored this agreement in issuing its report to the United Nations.

"Through Freedom of Information Act inquiries, we learned that the National Assessment was hurriedly slapped together in an incomplete and inaccurate form," said Christopher C. Horner, CEI counsel who filed the lawsuit. "The current Climate Action Report inappropriately cites the disgraced National

Assessment, in clear violation of the spirit and letter of our agreement with the White House in return for withdrawing our suit."

Adds Myron Ebell, director of global warming policy at CEI: "The Administration has recognized that the National Assessment is the worst sort of junk science. For the EPA now to accept the National Assessment's findings as valid undermines and contradicts President Bush's global warming policies. The EPA needs to be told that the Clinton Administration is gone and Al Gore did not win the election."

The lawsuit against the White House's flawed climate science was brought jointly by CEI, Senator James Inhofe (R-OK), Representatives Joe Knollenberg (R-MI) and Jo Ann Emerson (R-MO), and other non-profit advocacy groups. CEI's pleadings in the case can be found in the docket at the federal District Court for the District of Columbia (CV 00-02383).

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INSTITUTE FILES PETITION TO PREVENT DISTRIBUTION OF FLAWED WHITE HOUSE CLIMATE REPORT

Document Relies on Discredited Science, Violates Prior Legal Agreement

Washington, D.C., June 4, 2002—The Competitive Enterprise Institute today filed a petition with the Bush Administration to prevent the distribution of a fatally flawed report on global warming. The petition to prevent distribution is in response to the Bush Administration decisions to include discredited research and junk science in the report, *Climate Action Report 2002*, issued last week by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

“The conclusions of the *Climate Action Report* utterly fail to meet the minimum statutory requirements for scientific rigor, and should be immediately withdrawn by the EPA” said Christopher C. Horner, senior fellow at CEI. “The guidelines of the Federal Data Quality Act require that scientific information being disseminated by the government be presented in an accurate, complete and unbiased manner. The administration’s current report clearly violates these requirements.”

As a result of a lawsuit led by CEI and three members of Congress, the White House had previously agreed not to use the flawed *National Assessment on Climate Change* as representing a government policy or position on climate change. The Administration abandoned that agreement, struck to settle a federal lawsuit, with last week’s *Climate Action Report 2002*, which prominently cites and relies upon this discredited and withdrawn product.

Today’s petition was filed by CEI with the EPA, the only agency currently disseminating the *Climate Action Report 2002*. The original lawsuit against the White House’s flawed climate science was brought jointly by CEI, Senator James Inhofe (R-OK), Representatives Joe Knollenberg (R-MI) and Jo Ann Emerson (R-MO), and other non-profit advocacy groups.

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LIMBAUGH RIPS BUSH WHITE HOUSE OVER GLOBAL WARMING 'FLIP-FLOP'

"It appears to be the hijacking of conservatism," Rush Limbaugh charged to the nation's largest radio audience Monday after President Bush apparently flip-flopped over Global Warming.

"George W. Al Gore, anyone?" Limbaugh slammed, just hours after the NEW YORK TIMES headlined "Climate Changing, U.S. Says in Report."

The TIMES revealed: "In a stark shift for the Bush administration, the United States has sent a climate report to the United Nations detailing specific and far-reaching effects that it says global warming will inflict on the American environment.

"In the report, the administration for the first time mostly blames human actions for recent global warming."

The report goes on to predict: A "disruption of snow-fed water supplies, more stifling heat waves and the permanent disappearance of Rocky Mountain meadows and coastal marshes."

"What's left of the conservative agenda that has not been offered up to democrats?" questioned Limbaugh, who has been an outspoken critic of the Global Warming theory.

Limbaugh explained: "I have not jumped across this divide, my friends. I thought about this last night when I became aware [of the NEW YORK TIMES story], and I thought what am I going to have to do? Am I going to have to go on the radio tomorrow and say, 'folks, guess what? I have been wrong about global warming. I've been wrong about it, the president says it is happening, human beings are causing it. I've been wrong.' I just can't because I don't think I am. I -- too many scientists out there whom I implicitly trust who have proven to me that these predictions are basically apocalyptic doom and gloom based on raw emotion. Even the global warming advocates to this day will not tell you it is definitively happening."

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