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## More Reports and Predictions of Doom and Gloom

The bad news just keeps rolling in from the proponents of human induced global warming, each successive report painting a gloomier picture of an overheating planet. This causes those who believe these reports to lobby harder for expensive and senseless global warming legislation - **legislation that will have a huge negative impact on Wisconsin's economy.** Here are some of the latest doom and gloom tidbits as reported in a recent "Earthweek" column in the Milwaukee-Journal Sentinel.

A study to be published in the Geophysical Research Letters will contend increasing solar activity and a stronger El Niño effect will produce warming over the Earth the next five years that will be "far greater than earlier predicted." These scientists, who did not predict the recent cooler weather which they claim was due to decreased solar activity and weaker El Niños, believe this is about to change.

Meanwhile, the National Climatic Data Center reported that the surface temperature of the world's oceans was the warmest on record for the month of June, breaking the old record set in 2005. The Center also reported the combined global ocean and land surface temperature was the second warmest on record for the month.

More doom and gloom out of the University of Colorado at Boulder, in a report that predicted by 2057 the Southwestern U.S. has a 50% chance that in any given year reservoirs along the Colorado River will be dry. According to the authors of the study this will be due to climate change.

The data and the predictions are similar to past reports and prognostications, which don't rate very high on anyone's accuracy scales. Taking into account many of the previous estimates of expected warming, it is interesting to note the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration reported **that Wisconsin just experienced its second coolest July on record**, while the states of Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania and West Virginia recorded their coolest Julys on record. Weather records in these states date back to the 1800s.

Unfortunately, the poor track record of past predictions of excessive warming doesn't give pause to advocates of expensive and senseless global warming legislation, who have an apparent goal to make it even colder. Earlier this month State Senator Mark Miller (D-Monona) was quoted in

The Daily Reporter as saying that he expects a global warming bill to be introduced in Wisconsin this fall.

Last month, Governor Jim Doyle announced the formation of a business coalition called Clean, Responsible Energy for Wisconsin's Economy (CREWE), with the stated purpose to "...*push for the adoption of policies that effectively and responsibly **address global warming** and capture the economic development and environmental opportunities in Wisconsin*" (emphasis added). The creation of this coalition comes from a recommendation right out of Governor Doyle's Global Warming Task Force Report.

There is no explanation given as to how "*addressing global warming*" is going to benefit to residents of Wisconsin or capture economic development.

So the momentum for global warming legislation in Wisconsin is building. Be on the lookout for a concerted effort to see our state burdened with this punitive and expensive legislation in the near future. You, the consumer and taxpayer, will be paying the bills.

**Beginning next week, The Hot Air Report will examine the recommendations of the Global Warming Task Force in greater detail, to give you a heads up on what to expect in the upcoming push for global warming legislation.**

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