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CRU, IPCC CONTROVERSIES SHOW EPA ENDANGERMENT FINDING BASED ON *FLAWED SCIENCE*

KEY REPORT FINDING: *The information exposed in the UK's CRU email controversy shows that the UN's IPCC science is seriously flawed. The IPCC's flawed science serves as a critical basis of EPA's endangerment finding for greenhouse gases. For this reason, the finding should be thrown out.*

CRU CONTROVERSY → IPCC/USGCRP REPORTS → EPA ENDANGERMENT FINDING

CLAIM: Some have dismissed the email scandal as involving just a few scientists, the IPCC's major gaffes exposed by the media (e.g. that the Himalayan glaciers will melt by 2035) as irrelevant—and that neither of these things affects EPA's endangerment finding.

FACT:

- The scientists involved in the CRU controversy violated fundamental ethical principles governing taxpayer-funded research and, in some cases, may have violated federal laws.
- Many of the scientists involved in the CRU controversy also wrote the IPCC's science reports.
- The flawed IPCC science reports are the most important scientific basis for EPA's endangerment finding for greenhouse gases.
- On the critical issue of whether man-made greenhouse gases are causing climate change, EPA relied *nearly exclusively* on the work of the IPCC.
- EPA accepted the IPCC's conclusions wholesale, without doing an independent review. Therefore, EPA failed to uncover key errors in the IPCC reports that ultimately were incorporated into the endangerment finding.
- EPA claims separately that it also relied on the work of the United States Global Change Research Program (USGCRP). But the USGCRP is closely linked with the IPCC. For example, of the 35 members who worked on a key 2006 USGCRP report, 23 also worked on the IPCC's 2007 climate change science assessment.
- In short, the CRU emails reveal scientists who worked together on the major reports that form the so-called "consensus." The emails show that there is no consensus and that EPA's endangerment finding should be scrapped.

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