



Health Threat Evident, U.S. Must Address Global Warming to Protect the Public

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(Washington, DC) Today the Environmental Protection Agency made an endangerment finding regarding the emission of greenhouse gases that cause global warming. The finding, a requirement of the Clean Air Act recently upheld by the Supreme Court, makes it clear that greenhouse gas emissions must be regulated in order to control global warming and protect human health.

Physicians for Social Responsibility (PSR) has made protecting human health from the effects of climate change a top priority. Dr. Michael McCally, a senior scientist for PSR, noted that “the extreme heat events, spread of disease and worsening air pollution that is expected from global warming will impact everyone. Today, the EPA has reinforced that finding and made it clear that the U.S. government must act to protect human health.”

PSR is calling on the Congress to pass comprehensive climate change legislation that will reduce greenhouse gas emissions immediately and steadily during the next 40 years to ensure that global warming does not cause catastrophic climate changes.

Dr. McCally is an expert in environmental health issues and may be reached at 505-603-1716 for questions or interviews.

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