

Concerned Scientists' Weekly News Bulletin

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Our weekly bulletin collects and digests news of the past week.

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NEWS ITEMS AND ARTICLES

AIP: [Ukraine crisis throws Russian science partnerships into chaos](#)

Russia's invasion of Ukraine last week has been met with a coordinated global response designed to isolate Russia economically and politically. Scientific and technological exchanges specifically regarding export controls, space missions, multinational projects, institutional partnerships, and scholarly travel/exchanges have been affected.

AP News: [Justices wrestle with EPA power to curb carbon emissions](#)

The Supreme Court wrestled with the EPA's authority to curb greenhouse gas emissions from the nation's power plants, a case that could hamstring the Biden administration's plans to combat climate change.

Science: [World's nations start to hammer out first global treaty on plastic pollution](#)

Negotiators from 193 countries intend to form a committee to develop a new global treaty intended to curb plastic pollution within 2 years during the fifth session of the United Nations Environment Assembly next week.

Nature: [The controversial China Initiative is ending — researchers are relieved](#)

The US Department of Justice (DoJ) announced that it will effectively terminate the controversial China Initiative, a programme that sought to detect and protect US laboratories and businesses from espionage.

REGIONAL NEWS

Indiana Environmental Reporter: [Lawmakers remove financial incentives from voluntary renewable siting bill](#)

A bill that sought to incentivize the spread of commercial renewable energy systems in Indiana has moved forward in the Indiana Legislature, but without the incentives.

Morning Ag Clips: [New sentinel landscapes to strengthen military readiness, address climate change](#)

The Sentinel Landscapes Partnership, composed of various governmental departments, has announced three new areas designated as sentinel landscapes, one of which includes Bloomington and Lake Monroe.

Indiana Public Media: [House committee amends bill on wind, solar siting, stripping incentives](#)

Lawmakers amended a bill to remove incentives for adopting state guidelines on where wind and solar farms can be located.

OPINION AND ANALYSIS

The Guardian: [US fossil fuel industry leaps on Russia's invasion of Ukraine to argue for more drilling](#)

The petroleum lobby calls for looser regulation and drilling on public lands to 'ensure energy security'.

The New York Times: [Will the Supreme Court frustrate the efforts to slow climate change?](#)

In a case to be argued on Feb. 28, the court seems poised to restrict the EPA's legal authority to limit carbon pollution from power plants and, by doing so, frustrate the country's efforts to slow the pace of climate change. The justices should restrain themselves and let the regulatory process play out.

The Washington Post: [Five things to know about the new UN climate report](#)

The U.N. Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change today released a sweeping report on the dangerous effects that rising global temperatures are already having

— and the catastrophes that loom if humanity fails to make swift and significant cuts to planet-warming emissions.

Nature: [Climate change won't wait for future innovation — we need action now](#)

Governments must focus on solutions that are already working, even when they aren't glamorous or supported by powerful lobbyists.

Politico: [Supreme Court Nominee Jackson fits Breyer on mold on environmental law](#)

If confirmed, Jackson likely will have at least one high-profile environmental case waiting to welcome her to the high court this fall.

The Hill: [The hidden danger \(and promise\) in Biden's new climate justice screening tool](#)

The Biden administration launched a new mapping tool last week to combat environmental harm to overburdened and disadvantaged communities nationwide. While the new tool promises to help safeguard and rebuild frontline communities, it may not have the intended effect.

TAKE ACTION AND RESOURCES FOR ACTIVISTS

Bloomington Commission on Sustainability: [Addressing the climate crisis: moving toward a just transition for Bloomington](#)

Register for this event on March 16th that will facilitate discussion on sustainability, racial justice, and socioeconomic equity in Bloomington to uncover the current gaps, obstacles, and ideate potential policy solutions to bring about a just transition.

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