

# 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**

*Coin Desk:* [White House wants public comments on crypto's energy use and environmental impact](#)

The Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) is crafting a report that will examine where crypto fits into the country's climate goals.

*Scientific American:* [The US will increase natural gas exports to Europe to replace Russian fuel](#)

The White House announced that the U.S. will rapidly increase exports of liquefied natural gas to Europe as Germany and other E.U. nations try to diminish their dependence on Russian fossil fuels.

*EOS:* [U.S. businesses may be required to report emissions, climate risk](#)

The proposed rules seek to give investors more complete and standardized climate risk information. The move would bring U.S. policy closer to international standards.

*CNN:* [ESA plans to work more closely with NASA after Russia expulsion from Mars mission](#)

The European Space Agency (ESA) suspended its mission to launch Europe's first planetary rover, aimed at searching for signs of life and investigating the history of water on Mars, last Thursday. Now, the ESA may seek closer ties with NASA on its upcoming missions.

*AIP:* [Science Committee rejects 'heavy-handed' strategies for international technical standards](#)

At a House Science Committee hearing last week, lawmakers and witnesses pushed back against proposals to try to block rival countries from influencing international standards, and instead advocated for strengthening the industry-led approach the U.S. has traditionally relied on.

*WHO:* [WHO establishes the Global Centre for Traditional Medicine in India](#)

The World Health Organization (WHO) and the Government of India today signed an agreement to establish the WHO Global Centre for Traditional Medicine. This global knowledge center for traditional medicine aims to harness the potential of traditional medicine from across the world through modern science and technology to improve the health of people and the planet.

*LiveScience:* [In global climate strike, youth demand action worldwide](#)

On Friday (March 25), tens of thousands of young people across the world mobilized for a global climate strike, demanding that world leaders take action to curb the environmental abuses driving catastrophic climate change.

## **REGIONAL NEWS**

*WFYI:* [Thriving Buildings program launches in Indianapolis](#)

The Thriving Buildings program from Indianapolis' Office of Sustainability aims to reduce carbon emissions by setting efficiency benchmarks for buildings.

*IndyStar:* [Indiana one of most polluted states. New report says legislature gets a D+ on green bills](#)

A new scorecard that grades Indiana legislators based on their votes in support of or against various environment-related bills has been released. In it, nearly two-thirds received a D or an F.

*WRTV:* [Central Indiana Kroger, CVS locations participating in federal COVID treatment program](#)

Both Kroger and CVS are participating in the Biden Administration's Test-to-Treat Initiative, which allows qualified health care providers to prescribe antiviral pills for those at high risk for developing severe COVID-19.

## **OPINION AND ANALYSIS**

*The Hill:* [Biomass is not health neutral](#)

Declaring biomass to be carbon neutral with no regard for the health consequences may set us onto a path toward further investing in an energy system with an already-serious health burden.

*The Guardian:* [Native Americans are at the heart of Yellowstone. After 150 years, they are finally being heard](#)

America's first national park inspired a global movement of 'fortress conservation', but we know today indigenous peoples are essential stewards of nature. After 150 years, thanks to our Native American allies, the beating heart of Yellowstone can empower us all.

*Inside Climate News:* [Russia's war in Ukraine reveals a risk for the EV future: price shocks in precious metals](#)

After the nickel market goes haywire, the United States and its allies launch a critical minerals energy security plan, with stockpiling an option.

*The Conversation:* [SEC proposes far-reaching climate disclosure rules for companies – here's where the rules may be vulnerable to legal challenges](#)

The SEC has taken a major step that could boost the Biden administration's climate change agenda, but whether it will be able to navigate a treacherous administrative and legal process without changing its approach remains to be seen.

*Politico:* [The world is set to debate seabed mining regulations, but the US will be on the outside looking in](#)

The U.S. is in jeopardy of being left at the starting gate because it hasn't ratified the U.N. Convention on the Law of the Sea, a requirement to join the International Seabed Authority.

## **TAKE ACTION AND RESOURCES FOR ACTIVISTS**

*IU Global:* [International Student Summit on Climate Change](#)

The first International Student Summit on Climate Change will bring together students from Indiana, Quito, Mexico City and Newcastle to discuss their challenges, successes and dreams when it comes to combating climate change.

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