

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

CNN: [White House science adviser resigns and acknowledges 'disrespectful and demeaning' behavior after investigation](#)

Eric Lander, a top science adviser to President Joe Biden, resigned Monday after a White House investigation that found he had violated workplace policies became public. Lander wrote that his resignation is effective "no later than February 18 in order to permit an orderly transfer."

Politico: [The race to replace Lander at OSTP](#)

Politico's Morning Tech reached out to more than a half-dozen science and tech policy experts to determine who's likely on the White House's shortlist to fill Lander's positions as a science adviser to President Biden and director of the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy.

Morning Ag Clips: [NASDA asks EPA to suspend action on WOTUS rulemaking](#)

The National Association of State Departments of Agriculture expressed significant concerns with a proposed rule to revise the definition of the term "waters of the United States" under the Clean Water Act issued jointly by the Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Guardian: [Trump-appointed judge blocks Biden administration climate metric](#)

Judge bars higher cost estimate which puts a dollar value on damages caused by additional greenhouse gasses emitted.

AP News: [UN to finalize science report on how warming hits home hard](#)

The United Nations' Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change issues 3 huge reports on climate change every 5-7 years. The latest update, which won't be finished until the end of February, will explain how climate change already affects humans and the planet, what to expect in the future, and the risks and benefits of adapting to a warmer world.

The Washington Post: [Companies vow to reach net-zero emissions, but their plans are falling short, a study finds](#)

A study by the New Climate Institute says companies aren't doing enough to meet climate targets and eliminate carbon emissions.

REGIONAL NEWS

Indiana Environmental Reporter: [Duke Energy to close all coal plants by 2035](#)

Duke Energy Corp. announced its plans to close its remaining coal-fired power plants, including several facilities in Indiana, by 2035 and more than double its renewable energy generation.

IndyStar: [Scrub Hub: Why were dozens of trees cut down at Newfields' 100 Acres Park?](#)

The Virginia B. Fairbanks Art & Nature Park, otherwise known as 100 Acres, recently removed between 2-3 dozen trees. The Director of the Park says the purpose of removal is to build a new parking lot.

WFYI Indianapolis: [Climate activists demand Indiana University divest from fossil fuels](#)

Activists protested at Indiana University's campus on Tuesday to demand it stop investing in fossil fuels. The group, Sunrise Bloomington, hopes IU Foundation board members will put the issue on their agenda this week.

OPINION AND ANALYSIS

The Washington Post: [Tracking environmental actions under Biden](#)

As Biden unwinds dozens of Trump's energy and environmental policies, he's forging his own. A condensed summary of the environmental policies and actions during President Biden's administration.

Scientific American: [We Desperately Need to Modernize Climate Change Emissions Tracking](#)

Article calls to embrace the digital disruption exalted by Gen Z and apply it to climate change. Blockchain and other technologies could help improve data collection worldwide.

NPR: [Should Big Oil Pick Up The Climate Change Bill? : Short Wave](#)

The Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals is deciding whether a Baltimore case against more than a dozen oil and gas companies will be heard in state or federal court. An update on the case, which went before the U.S. Supreme court last year. She explains how this pending decision may prove key to determining who pays for climate change.

Scientific American: [Our Environmental Crisis Requires Political Fixes, Not Technological Ones](#)

Article calls to reimagine society and the future and to shift from extractivist ideology, the root of the “mounting socioecological multicrisis.”

Earth.Org: [How Psychology, Environmental Economics and Policy Can Help Save the Planet](#)

A look at environmental economics and policy, as well as behavioral economics to explore how psychology can help reverse environmental damage.

TAKE ACTION AND RESOURCES FOR ACTIVISTS

Confront the climate crisis: [Statewide Campaign to Confront the Climate Crisis](#)

Sign this petition and letter to the Indiana statehouse to call for the declaration of a climate emergency, goals of carbon neutrality, and legislation aimed at eliminating environmental racism.

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