

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

New York Times: [E.P.A. will make racial equality a bigger factor in environmental rules](#)

The agency is creating an office of environmental justice to address the disproportionate harm that climate change has caused in low-income areas and communities of color.

Washington Post: [U.S. ratifies global treaty curbing climate super-pollutants](#)

With broad bipartisan support, the Senate on Wednesday ratified by a 69-27 vote a global treaty that would sharply limit the emissions of super-pollutants that frequently leak from air conditioners and other types of refrigeration.

NPR: [California plans to phase out new gas heaters by 2030](#)

The Golden State just became the first in the nation to begin making fossil-fuel furnaces and heaters a thing of the past.

KCRA: [Stanford research finds air quality progress being undone by wildfire smoke](#)

Researchers at Stanford recently released results from a study showing a startling increase in the number of people exposed to wildfire smoke in the U.S. One of the

study's authors says changing approaches to fuel management can slow that trend.

EPA: [EPA launches new national office dedicated to advancing environmental justice and civil rights](#)

EPA's historic Office of Environmental Justice and External Civil Rights will position the agency to better advance environmental justice, enforce civil rights laws in overburdened communities, and deliver new grants and technical assistance.

REGIONAL NEWS

Indiana Environmental Reporter: [Clarksville and Richmond develop heat management plans through Beat the Heat](#)

Beat the Heat, a two-year program launched by Indiana University's Environmental Resilience Institute and funded by the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs, is currently implemented in Richmond and Clarksville.

Associated Press: [Indiana abortion clinics reopening after judge blocks ban](#)

Owen County Judge Kelsey Hanlon issued a preliminary injunction against the ban, putting the new law on hold as abortion clinic operators argue in a lawsuit that it violates the state constitution.

Earthjustice: [Earthjustice and Sierra Club release comprehensive guide to environmental impacts of cryptomining](#)

Earthjustice is involved in litigation and other efforts against climate change-accelerating cryptocurrency mining in New York, Kentucky, Pennsylvania, Texas, Indiana, Montana, and elsewhere

OPINION AND ANALYSIS

Yale Program on Climate Change Communication: [The durable, bipartisan effects of emphasizing the cost savings of renewable energy](#)

This study tested different renewable energy messages to assess their effects on public beliefs about the benefits of renewable energy and support for renewable energy policies, and how long those effects lasted over time.

The New York Times: [Are there better places to put large solar farms than these forests?](#)

Conservationists and farmland advocates argue that the solar gold rush is displacing valuable forests and farms when panels could instead be going on already developed or degraded land, including abandoned industrial sites and landfills

The Hill: [For the Inflation Reduction Act to work, the US needs permitting reform](#)

It's time to finish the job and follow through on the promise of this historic legislation. Simply put: Without building these clean energy projects, we can't reach the climate goals and targets we need to achieve.

The Conversation: [Electric planes are coming: Short-hop regional flights could be running on batteries in a few years](#)

Electric planes might seem futuristic, but they aren't that far off, at least for short hops.

The Salt Lake Tribune: [As Congress splits over Sen. Manchin's permitting reform bill, Utah scholars ask lawmakers to look at the data](#)

Research from the University of Utah indicates that funding federal agencies would help expedite green energy projects.

TAKE ACTION AND RESOURCES FOR ACTIVISTS

O'Neill Environmental Justice Fellows program and O'Neill NextGen Leadership Program: [The Pursuit of Environmental Justice in Indiana](#)

Featuring Denise Abdul-Rahman (The Chisholm Legacy Project, formerly of the NAACP), Paula Brooks (Hoosier Environmental Council), and Ashley Williams (Just Transition Northwest Indiana). The roundtable will take place at 3pm on Friday, September 30 in the Grand Hall of the Neal-Marshall Black Culture Center.

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