

# Concerned Scientists' Weekly News Bulletin [October 18th, 2022]



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## **NEWS ITEMS AND ARTICLES**

**CNBC:** [White House is pushing ahead research to cool Earth by reflecting back sunlight](#)

The White House Office of Science and Technology Policy is coordinating a five-year research plan to study ways to temporarily temper the effects of global warming.

**E&E News:** [Biden's promise to tribes faces test in Great Lakes](#)

President Joe Biden last year issued a memo vowing to elevate tribal consultation, incorporate Indigenous knowledge and develop governmentwide guidance.

**Nature:** [Science's no-fee public-access policy will take effect in 2023](#)

The Science family of journals will soon allow authors to publicly share manuscripts more widely without incurring fees.

**Pew Research Center:** [Home solar panel adoption continues to rise in the U.S.](#)

President Biden recently signed into law new legislation that includes larger investments in renewable energy, including a 30% solar tax credit that could spur more Americans to "go solar" over the next decade.

## **REGIONAL NEWS**

*Indiana Environmental Reporter:* [Indiana wetlands task force final report favors wetlands protection](#)

The Task Force found that state and local communities should incentivize preservation and avoidance of existing wetlands by providing state and local tax benefits.

*Northwest Indiana Times:* [Region resilience: Greenhouse gas inventory illustrates industry's impact on Northwest Indiana, works to engage local communities in solution](#)

NWI Region Resilience, Earth Charter Indiana and NIRPC are now finishing up a Climate Action Plan that will help reduce emissions.

*WFYI Indianapolis:* [Indiana, ACLU argue in court over religious freedom challenge to abortion ban](#)

A county judge could rule by the end of November whether Indiana's near-total abortion ban violates the state's religious freedom law.

## **OPINION AND ANALYSIS**

*The Guardian:* [The supreme court is in session – and every case is potentially a climate one](#)

Sackett v EPA – an attack on the Clean Water Act – is by no means the only threat to climate policy before the court.

*The New York Times:* [Progressives should rally around a clean energy construction boom](#)

The next step for the left side of the now fractured climate coalition: its own alternative permitting reform bill, focused on building more electric transmission lines and streamlining regulatory approval for clean energy projects

*Columbia Energy Exchange:* [Energy permitting needs reform](#)

Energy permitting regulations – primarily established through the National Environmental Policy Act – are not matching the pace of the transition needed if we're to meet our net-zero goals.

*Science:* [Mandatory disclosure is key to address climate risks](#)

Financial regulations would help signal risks to investors

*Smithsonian Magazine:* [More than half of U.S. bird populations are shrinking](#)

An alarming report indicates that dozens of species are likely to become federally endangered without preventive action.

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

*Union of Concerned Scientists:* [Tell USDA: consumers want fair food](#)

For years, poultry farmers have been subject to an unfair system where contracts are heavily weighted to benefit the company over the farmer.

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