

# Concerned Scientists' Weekly News Bulletin

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### **NEWS ITEMS AND ARTICLES**

*Morning Ag Clips:* [EPA seeks to mandate more use of ethanol and other biofuels](#)

The agency opened a public comment period and will hold a hearing in January.

*Reuters:* [Disasters caused total of \\$122 bln in insured losses in 2022](#)

Hurricane Ian and other natural catastrophes have caused an estimated \$115 billion of insured losses so far this year, well above the 10-year average of \$81 billion.

*New York Times:* [The Texas group waging a national crusade against climate action](#)

The Texas Public Policy Foundation is shaping laws, running influence campaigns and taking legal action in a bid to promote fossil fuels.

*Australian Broadcasting Corporation:* [Wiped out and wanting answers](#)

As the residents of Eugowra begin to rebuild their lives after a deadly flash flood, they are also searching for answers as to how the scale of the disaster caught them by surprise.

*EOS:* [Alumni push universities forward on climate](#)

A tale of three institutions: How grassroots alumni organizations are encouraging climate action, with mixed results.

### **REGIONAL NEWS**

*Northwest Indiana Times:* ['EPA, the time is now': Environmental advocates deliver petition demanding clean closure at Michigan City generating station](#)

With almost 2,000 signatures, the petition demands that the EPA require Northern Indiana Public Service Co. complete a "complete and safe cleanup" at the Michigan City generating station.

*Indiana Public Media:* [Bloomington neighborhood fights for tree preservation following near removal](#)

Bloomington residents of West Gordon Pike say they're fighting against tree removal for a road project.

*News and Tribune:* [Sandhill crane migration turns Indiana wildlife area into famous birding site](#)

The more than 8,100 acres in Jasper-Pulaski remain the preeminent viewing site for what has become an iconic birding comeback story.

### **OPINION AND ANALYSIS**

*Washington Post:* [We looked at 1,200 possibilities for the planet's future. These are our best hopes.](#)

The scenarios help show us what needs to be done — and what we can still do.

*Washington Post:* [Want to save the planet? Focus on wild cats](#)

While the science around biodiversity and climate is challenging to grasp for both the public and policymakers, here's a simple starting point: Focus on wild cats.

*The New York Times:* [My community doesn't exist just to absolve you of your climate sins](#)

Carbon markets have left Indigenous communities that manage tropical forests vulnerable to exploitation.

*People Places Plane Podcast:* [Artificial intelligence for environmental compliance](#)

While the conveniences AI offers are not without their environmental costs, it can hold great promise for protecting the planet.

*The Hill:* [In tackling the climate crisis, we need to draw the right lessons from the New Deal](#)

As the current congressional lame-duck period moves forward, many lawmakers are still clinging to the hope that an 11th-hour deal can be struck on the permitting reform effort.

*Inside Climate News:* [Society can't slow climate change without reining in big tech, new report warns](#)

Any effort to curb global greenhouse gas emissions and stave off catastrophic warming is doomed to fail unless far more is done to address the “foundational” role Big Tech companies now play in exacerbating the climate crisis.

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

*Union of Concerned Scientists:* [Urge Congress to counter the threat of online disinformation](#)

Urge your members of Congress to support the Digital Services Oversight and Safety Act.

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