

# Concerned Scientists' Weekly News Bulletin [September 11th, 2023]



*Our weekly bulletin collects and digests news of the past week.*

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***Hello again!***

***We are pleased to return to your inbox for the 2023-2024 academic year. You can expect a biweekly newsletter that compiles the latest science policy news at the local, national, and international level. Please send any articles, questions, or comments to Rose Schnabel at [raschnab@iu.edu](mailto:raschnab@iu.edu).***

***Please note the Advocates for Science at IU callout meeting in the 'Take Action' section below.***

***Best,  
CSIU newsletter authors Rose, Amangul, and Ana***

## **NEWS ITEMS AND ARTICLES**

*The New York Times: [Island nations hope for Court's help on climate's effects](#)*

A tribunal is expected to issue an advisory opinion on behalf of Pacific and Caribbean countries on whether greenhouse gasses are pollutants that violate international law.

*Inside Climate News: [Community leaders advocate for hydropower infrastructure along the Colorado River](#)*

As states negotiate future water cuts, some officials are looking to build new dams and reservoirs in the River's Upper Basin.

*E&E News:* [As heat waves worsen, federal aid is insufficient to fund cooling needs](#)

More than 30 million low-income households eligible for federal funding to defray the cost of air conditioning have not received government support.

*Nature:* [Scientists celebrate as UK rejoins Horizon Europe research program](#)

UK researchers had been frozen out of the scheme for two years, amid disagreements over Brexit.

*BBC:* [UN calls for radical changes to stem warming](#)

The stocktake report will be considered by political leaders and will be central to global climate talks in Dubai later this year.

### **REGIONAL NEWS**

*Inside Indiana Business:* [Alliance aims for equitable placement of EV chargers](#)

The group encourages the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission to promote affordable and accessible electric vehicle charging options in underserved communities.

*Indiana Public Media:* [Columbus, IN mayor shuts down drinking water well contaminated with PFAS](#)

The city also hopes to drill new, safer drinking water wells and eventually add activated charcoal treatment to its water treatment process.

*Northwest Indiana Times:* [Gary hosts statewide climate leadership summit](#)

Held at Indiana University Northwest, the summit featured a dozen workshops and panels on topics from food waste to the Inflation Reduction Act.

*Indy Star:* [Will climate change affect hardiness zones for what to plant and when in Indiana?](#)

Growing conditions in Evansville or New Albany are a good model for what South Bend or Fort Wayne will be like in the future.

### **OPINION AND ANALYSIS**

*EOS:* [The Supreme Court is bypassing science—We can't ignore it](#)

The court's exclusion of scientists from the environmental rulemaking process comes full circle as the EPA strips federal protections for wetlands.

*The Washington Post:* [Extreme heat drives farmers to go nocturnal](#)

Rising temperatures have led more farmers to harvest crops in the middle of the night to protect their workforce and the quality of their produce from extreme heat.

*New York Times:* [Want to understand clean energy anxiety? Look at the Jersey Shore.](#)

We need to meet people resisting clean energy with gentleness and curiosity. Instead of shouting across a beach at our neighbors, we should focus on the fossil fuel industry that's trying to kick sand into our eyes.

*The Guardian:* [Climate politics is more complex and urgent than ever – is the IPCC still fit for purpose?](#)

With solutions to the climate emergency desperately needed, political neutrality and consensus may no longer be an option

*The Washington Post:* [Young people might be able to use an ancient right to save the climate](#)

A recent court decision, based on an ancient human right, reflects a promising legal strategy to push emissions reduction for the sake of future generations.

Politico: [COP28: A chance to course-correct on the global clean energy transition](#)

The global clean energy transition is dangerously off-course, but we can get back on track by taking urgent action now.

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

*Advocates for Science at IU:* [Encourage students to attend ASIU's virtual callout meeting](#)

Calling all IU students (undergraduate and graduate) interested in science and environmental advocacy! CSIU's student partner group, ASIU, will be hosting a callout meeting on Zoom at 6pm on Thursday, September 14th.

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