



U.S. Secretary of State continues to promote flagging climate catastrophe

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CALGARY, AB, Mar 3, 2014/ Troy Media/ – The Obama administration continues to push its climate change agenda, with U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry suggesting while in Jakarta, Indonesia recently that the islands are at risk from rising sea levels.

His faith in rising sea levels, however, bears little relationship to scientific fact.

Back in September of 2013, American climatologist Dr. Patrick Michaels, a senior fellow in environmental studies at the Cato Institute, had already refuted a significant connection between greenhouse gas emissions and rising sea levels. Referring to sea levels over the past 50 years, he wrote in a World Climate Report that “the current rate of sea level rise from global warming (is) . . . only inching up at a rate of about 20 to 30 centimeters per hundred years. . . . there remains no evidence for a climate-related acceleration.”

Rising sea levels have always been a geological fact of life on earth and have been caused by – among other factors – melting glacial ice since ancient times. In fact, non-climate factors like land subsidence, tectonic plate movement, ground water extraction and ocean oscillations have a significant impact on sea levels.

But such misleading statements as Kerry’s about rising sea levels are nothing new from disciples of Anthropogenic (human-caused) Global Warming.

Take carbon dioxide (CO₂). The growing discrepancy between temperature measurements and climate model simulations over the last 15 years indicates that the effects of CO₂ have been greatly exaggerated; while CO₂ concentration has risen, global temperatures have stabilized.

The fear of Catastrophic Anthropogenic Global Warming (CAGW) is based principally on the theory that more carbon dioxide from emissions would make the earth much hotter. But an analysis of satellite data from NASA’s Clouds and Earth’s Radiant Energy System (CERES) indicates that the actual climate response to CO₂ is only 20 to 30 per cent of that extrapolated from climate model simulations.

And according to the Hadley Centre/Climate Research Unit, the United Kingdom’s leading centres for the study of climate change, global warming during the last 60 years (1954 to 2013)

was 34 per cent *less* than the previous 60 years (1894 to 1953) while the CO2 increase was 4.6 times greater, indicating that natural causes of climate change are more significant than CO2.

Its position is supported by climate scientist Judith Curry, who bluntly told the U.S. Senate Committee on the Environment and Public Works last January that “. . . CO2 is not a control knob on climate variability . . .”

But Kerry’s faith in human-caused global warming doesn’t end there. In his Jakarta speech he also referred to something called “carbon pollution”. Let’s be clear: carbon dioxide is not a pollutant but is, in fact, essential to life on earth. We exhale carbon dioxide at 40,000 parts per million (ppm) with every breath we take, which would, in Kerry’s mind at least, make all of us polluters.

In 2007, when fear of CAGW was high, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) decided to define carbon dioxide as a pollutant and the Obama administration is now attempting to use that designation to vastly extend regulations over all emitters, big and small. The result could be catastrophic for U.S. businesses – not to mention consumers.

In a submission before the U.S. Supreme Court, which is evaluating whether the Obama administration exceeded its authority when crafting the U.S.’ first greenhouse gas emissions regulations, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce claims the emissions permitting requirements can ‘take years and hundreds of thousands of dollars in paper work costs alone.’ It cites the EPA’s own documents, from 2004, which state that such permits cost “. . . an average of \$125,120 and required 866 hours for the applicant to complete . . .” – certain death to small and medium businesses.

U.S. industry also fears a steep rise in energy prices as coal-fired plants on the scientifically-faulty grounds of ‘carbon risk.’

The U.S. can learn from others’ mistakes. The EU is now abandoning its mandatory carbon targets after electricity rates skyrocketed 37 per cent once extreme greenhouse gas reduction targets were set. Germany is now curtailing its green energy fervour and building over 20 modern coal plants returning to dependable, cheap energy.

Kerry’s unscientific assertions may shore-up institutional investors and entrepreneurs who dream of making ‘climate wealth’ from low-carbon schemes. The reality is, if carbon dioxide does not drive climate, there is no market. The EU experience shows a low-carbon economy simply constitutes a wealth transfer borne by businesses and taxpayers.

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