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I refer to several recent letters and commentary articles written by global warming alarmists, and then point out some recent findings regarding climate warming that the authors and the Daily News fail to report.

These new findings call into question the federal government- and United Nations-funded position on climate change.

The letters and articles say the globe is warming and climate model projections are so severe that catastrophic events will occur (rising oceans, major storms and droughts, glacier melting, etc.) unless action is taken to limit man-made greenhouse gas emissions.

In the March 7 edition of Investor's Business Daily, Paul C. Knappenberger, assistant director of the Center for the Study of Science at the Cato Institute, wrote an op-ed article, stating new findings support the long-held position of climate skeptics that the human-caused warming threat is overblown. I quote from the article: "...a just-published study by a research team led by Dr. Peter Stott, a climate expert from the U.K.'s Met office Hadley Center, which finds that climate model projections of an alarming temperature rise are inconsistent with past observations."

"The article says that when researchers forced the amount of global warming predicted by climate models to equal the amount of warming that has actually been observed, the future temperature rise to accompany human greenhouse gas emissions dropped rather substantially. In other words, the better climate models match the past, the less scary the future looks."

Dr. Stott was an author of the global climate projections chapter of the latest assessment report by the U.N.'s Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change.