National Academies Set the Record Straight on Climate Science

Three Major New Reports Sound Alarm on Need for Rapid Action

Washington, DC (May 19, 2010) – America's scientific authority – The National Academies – today issued the most thorough analyses of climate science and available responses it has undertaken in nearly two decades. The reports examine how climate change is already affecting our environment and communities, and the tools available to solve the climate crisis.

With a Senate climate and energy bill just introduced and a narrow window of time for action for this year, the reports come just as there is renewed momentum. NWF climate scientist Amanda Staudt, PhD, a former senior program officer with the Academies who served as an official reviewer of one of the new reports said:

"The jury is in scientifically speaking, and these new reports set the record straight that we face serious threats from climate change.

"America's scientific authority says in the clearest way that climate change is already negatively affecting people and nature, is largely human caused, and will have severe consequences if actions are not taken to address these risks.

"There is positive news as well because the reports make clear we have the tools to solve the climate crisis.

"These reports are alarming and should be a call to action for all Americans that we must get serious about climate action this year. With a Senate climate and energy bill just introduced and a narrow window of time for action for this year, there is no time to lose."

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