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GLOBAL WARMING

NATURAL GREENHOUSE GAS LEFT UNMENTIONED

The Associated Press article in The Advertiser (Dec. 4) about greenhouse gases was filled with omissions. There was no mention of the major greenhouse gas, water vapor, which represents about 95 percent of the total greenhouse-gas inventories.

Water in the form of droplets, vapor, clouds, liquid water and ice has significant effects on our climate, nearly all from natural sources. The relentless mentions of CO₂ in the media omit the fact that about 97 percent of all atmospheric CO₂ comes from natural sources and not from man-made sources. These include volcanoes, decomposing vegetation, insects, and the ocean itself.

Finally, there's been no warming for the last 10 years and cooling for the last seven years. This cooling is occurring while the CO₂ increases, suggesting that there's little or no relationship between CO₂, man-made or natural, and global temperatures.

Other forces are involved. Many temperature stations (such as at the U.S.' Amundson Base at the South Pole) have been showing cooling for decades as well.

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