

# What Top U.N. Climate Scientists Say

Here are some email excerpts from the the world's leading climate scientists who control much of the UN's IPCC climate reports. (A note to Americans: many of these emails were written in Europe where the date format and spelling are a bit different.) Google the number in () to see the full text.)

## Phil Jones - head of the Climatic Research Unit

*Draft Contributing Author to the Summary for Policy Makers, and Coordinating Lead Author of Ch3 of the 4<sup>th</sup> UN IPCC report on climate change, AR4)*

Jul 5 2005: **The scientific community would come down on me in no uncertain terms if I said the world had cooled from 1998. OK it has but it is only 7 years of data and it isn't statistically significant.** (1120593115.txt)

**Note:** in 2011, it is now 13 years of cooling.

2/2/2005: The two MMs have been after the CRU station data for years. If they ever hear there is a Freedom of Information Act now in the UK, **I think I'll delete the file rather than send to anyone.** (1107454306.txt)

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Thu May 29, 2008, Subject: **IPCC & FOI: Can you delete any emails you may have had with Keith re AR4?** Keith will do likewise. He's not in at the moment - minor family crisis. **Can you also email Gene and get him to do the same?** I don't have his new email address. We will be getting Caspar to do likewise. (1212073451.txt)

**Note:** Destroying information subject to a FOI request is a crime.

September 12, 2007: **Ammann/Wahl - try and change the Received date! Don't give those skeptics something to amuse themselves with.** (1189722851.txt)

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Jul 8 16:30:16 2004: I can't see either of these papers being in the next IPCC report. **Kevin and I will keep them out somehow - even if we have to redefine what the peer-review literature is!** (1089318616.txt)

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16 Nov 1999: I've just completed **Mike's Nature trick** of adding in the real temps to each series for the last 20 years (ie from 1981 onwards) and from 1961 for Keith's **to hide the decline.** ( 942777075.txt)

**Note: this is an extremely important admission:** the "decline" he is hiding is the decline in temperature indicated by the tree-rings, while the actual temperature rose since 1961. The existence of this tree-ring decline, while the actual temperature rose, suggests that tree ring data can't be trusted for any period, since it is wrong for about 1/3 of the record (after 1961.) **This is crucial as much of the IPCC case rests on tree rings.**

11 Mar 2003: I will be emailing the journal to tell them **I'm having nothing more to do with it until they rid themselves of this troublesome editor. A CRU person is on the editorial board,** but papers get dealt with by the editor assigned by Hans von Storch. (1047390562.txt)

Dec 3, 2008: **About 2 months ago I deleted loads of emails, so have very little - if anything at all.** (1228330629.txt)

Nov 24, 2009 Guardian: **We've not deleted any emails or data here at CRU.** (<http://www.guardian.co.uk/environment/2009/nov/24/climate-professor-leaked-emails-uea>)

**Note (number) in brackets can be googled for the entire email.**

**Note:** he emails that he has deleted loads of emails and a year later tells the newspaper he didn't.

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## Kevin Trenberth

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Oct 14, 2009: **We are not close to balancing the energy budget. The fact that we can not account for what is happening in the climate system** makes any consideration of geoengineering quite hopeless as we will never be able to tell if it is successful or not! It is a travesty! (1255523796.txt)

## Michael E. Mann

*Creator of the famous "hockey stick" shaped temperature curve prominently featured in the UN's third climate report (tar) used by Al Gore.*

04 Jun 2003: I think that trying to adopt a timeframe of 2K, rather than the usual 1K, addresses a good earlier point that Peck made w/ regard to the memo, that **it would be nice to try to "contain" the putative "MWP"**, even if we don't yet have a hemispheric mean reconstruction available that far back (1054736277.txt)

**Note:** Elimination of the Medieval Warm Period (MWP) makes today's temperatures look unusual.

27/10/2009, 16:54: **As we all know, this isn't about truth at all, its about plausibly deniable accusations.** (1256735067.txt)

## Tom Wigley

*Contributing Author to Ch 10 of of the 4<sup>th</sup> UN IPCC report on climate change.*

06 Nov 2009: We probably need to say more about this. **Land warming since 1980 has been twice the ocean warming** -- and skeptics might claim that this proves that urban warming is real and important. (1257546975.txt)

Oct 14, 2009: ...**there have been a number of dishonest presentations** of model results by individual authors and **by IPCC.** (1255553034.txt)

## Keith Briffa

*Lead author for Ch 6 of the 4<sup>th</sup> UN IPCC report on climate change, AR4*

Apr 29, 2007: **I tried hard to balance the needs of the science and the IPCC , which were not always the same.** I worried that you might think I gave the impression of not supporting you well enough while trying to report on the issues and uncertainties . (1177890796.txt)

Sep 22, 1999: **I believe that the recent warmth was probably matched about 1000 years ago. I do not believe that global mean annual temperatures have simply cooled progressively over thousands of years...** (0938031546.txt)

## Soliciting Money From Exxon-Mobile (Esso is Exxon in Europe)

24 May 2000, From: John Shepherd: **I gather you're going to collect the free lunch(?) with Esso** ! I agree with Mike's analysis : i.e. there's room for some constructive dialogue...

19/05/00: Mike Hulme wrote: **I would think Tyndall should have an open mind about this and try to find the slants that would appeal to Esso.** (959187643.txt)

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