Index to Documents with Kyoto Climate News

  - Now a total of about 15 documents.

- This has some history and politics about Kyoto.

- There are news stories about Kyoto climate meetings.

- Sometimes the politics are very hot.

- This has the index pages from other documents.

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Documents with News about Kyoto

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I have gradually saved some of the news articles about Kyoto as I saw them. Recently I grouped these into more logical sequences. The motive is to present a better feel for the nature of the public debate, and to give input for writers and historians. Cecilia turned the following 8 documents in for scan on Oct 15, 2003:

a. News of Kyoto, the Year 2000, doc RJ0298, 21 p
d. Bush to Europe, Jun 2001, doc RJ0301, 14 p
e. Global Warming; What Kids are Taught; Jul 2001, doc RJ0302, 5 p
g. Kyoto, Aug – Nov 2001, doc RJ0304, 19 p
h. Some Kyoto News, mid-2003, Doc RJ0305, 29 p

NOTE 1: The above 8 documents have 197 pages.
NOTE 2: There are also a few other documents with Kyoto information like these.

2. There Are At Least 6 More Kyoto Documents

a. They are also listed here.
b. So now there are at least 14 documents that have information about Kyoto climate issues.
c. Plus this index.

3. Information about Energy

The world does not have big energy problems now. But these could easily happen.
a. We have several papers about energy issues.
b. The guide to many documents is RJ0297.
c. How to find the papers: http://www.dss.ucar.edu/docs/papers-scanned/papers.html
News of Kyoto; the Year 2000
(Clinton was president; he had a tough time with the Kyoto issue)

*The Kyoto talks of Nov 2000* (See Doc RJ0139, 20 p)
*US State Department weathers Kyoto Protocol criticisms* (EOS, Oct 30, 2000, 2 p)
*A reconciliation on global warming, UCAR, Feb 2000*
  - The issues were not really reconciled.
*And carbon sinks, etc.*
*Newsweek: “Blizzards, floods and hurricanes: Blame global warming”*
  - Be very careful with these arguments
*The global warming summit in Kyoto, R. Jenne, Dec 1-10, 1997*
  - One page with 3 items is given here.

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Kyoto Climate Protocol News, Jan – Apr 2001

- Difficulty in reconciling global warming data (*Nature*, 18 Jan 2001, p 281)
- IPCC Assessment up the ante on climate change (*Nature*, 25 Jan 2001, p 445)
- Greenhouse effect confirmed (Mar 2001)
- Quieting the Kyoto crowd (*Investor’s Business Daily*, Apr 4, 2001)  
  But the Kyoto deal cannot be achieved, even if you try.
- EU officials decry US climate policy (*Colorado Daily*, Mar 20, 2001)
- EU pledges to keep Kyoto Protocol alive
- Rage over global warming (*Economist*, Apr 7, 2001)
- Is there a vent in the global greenhouse? (re Lindzen, Mar 10, 2001)


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News about Kyoto, Apr – Jun 2001

Timeline of Kyoto debate (R. Jenne, Jun 15, 2001, 3 p)  p.2
Global warming (frying pan), cover on Time magazine (Apr 9, 2001)  p.6
Global warming has Bush on the hot seat (Business Week, Apr 9, 2001)  p.8
Mail: Some issues about Kyoto to NAS (Christy, Jun 11, 2001)  10
Bush is right; Kyoto treaty was dead wrong (Washington Times, Apr 9-15, 2001)  13
Rising global temperature, rising uncertainty (Science, 13, Apr 2001, p 192-194)  14
A sound decision on Kyoto (Wall St Jrnl, Apr 19, 2001)  17
The IPCC climate report and the US Senate (mail, May 3, 2001)  18
It’s no time to go wobbly on Kyoto (Wall St Jrnl, May 11, 2000)  19
US treads its own path on climate change (Nature, 17 May 2001, p 225)  22
We can solve our energy problems (Wall St Jrnl, May 18, 2001)  24
  o By Abraham, US Secretary of Energy
Bush sees dual goals of energy and the environment (Wash Times, May 21-27, 2001)  27
17 National Academies endorse Kyoto (Science, 18 May 2001, p 1277)  30
A climate model run (1860 to 2100) (Science, 15 Dec 2000)  31
  o An issue of surface temp vs upper air temp
Bush gets global warming report (from NRC) (Jun 8, 2001)  32
Europe chills for Bush (Wall St Jrnl, Jun 11, 2001)  33
Scientists report doesn’t support the Kyoto Treaty (Wall St Jrnl, Jun 11, 2001)
  o Article by Richard Lindzen  34
What readers said about the Dick Lindzen paper (mail, Jun 11, 2001)  37
Greens press attack from inside the White House (Washington Times, Jun 18-24, 2001)  43

NOTE: There was maximum pressure on Bush (re Kyoto) just before he left on a major trip to Europe.
  o The politics were hot.

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Roy Jenne
Oct 2003
Bush Goes to Europe, Global Warming Fuss, June 2001

- Bush’s global warming policy will be unveiled during trip (USA Today, Jun 11, 2001)
- Burning Bush (Economist, Jun 16, 2001, p 77)
- Bush to world: Global warming is not just an American problem (Washington Times, Jun 18-24, 2001)
- Warming threat requires action now, scientists say (New York Times, Jun 12, 2001)
- A warm reception---oh? (Economist, Jun 16, 2001)
  - The European posturing was the main reason that the Kyoto talks collapsed in Nov 2000 (during the Clinton era).
- In Madrid, Bush stands firm on Kyoto and missiles (USA Today, Jun 13, 2001)
- Surprise: Bush and Europe may find common ground (Business Week, Jun 18, 2001, p 62)
  - “Europeans know hardly anyone will be able to fulfill the Kyoto guidelines” --concedes--(a group)
  - But then why are so many pushing hard for the US and others to sign Kyoto? The US can’t win. If the US does not sign, it will be beaten up like now. If they sign Kyoto, they will be beaten up on for not doing what they promised to do.
- Bust set to clash with European leaders over carbon emissions (Nature, 14 Jun 2001, p 725)
- Europe doesn’t hate Bush (Wall Street Journal, Jun 15, 2001)
- Global warming debate gets hotter (Science News, Jun 16, 2001)
- Plus 3 more stories


Roy Jenne
Oct 12, 2003
Global Warming; What are Kids Taught? July 2001

- John Stossel’s environmental expose (*Denver Post*, Jul 5, 2001)
  - They have been teaching our school kids a lot of wrong things.
  - The extremists dominate the debate.

- *Denver Post* editorial (Stossel’s journalism), Jul 5, 2001
  - Stossel has the support of the Denver Post.

- Network bias shapes “news” on global warming questions (*Human events*, week May 21, 2001)

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Oct 2003

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Kyoto News, Jul – Aug 2001, the Bonn Meeting

- President accused of being cool on global warming (Jul 9, 2001)
- Bush unveils initiatives to fight global warming (Jul 14, 2001)
- A Kyoto meeting of 180 countries, Bonn, Germany, started Jul 16, for 12 days
- EU wrestles with business over emissions (Jul 13, 2001)
- US must act now on climate change (Jul 2001, Boulder Daily Camera)
  - Two U of CO professors give an opinion
- Bush troops rally for energy plan (Jul 17, 2001)
- Enviro groups ride free (Denver Post, Jul 18, 2001)
- Bush says he’ll be firm in Genoa (Jul 19, 2001)
  - He attends a G-8 meeting in Genoa
- US under fire at global warming talks (Jul 20, 2001)
- Political fix saves Kyoto deal from collapse (Jul 26, 2001, news)
- CO₂ controls are a bad idea, voluntary or not (Wall St Journal, Jul 31, 2001)
- Eco-economists back Bush on Kyoto Pact (Wall St Jrnl, Aug 7, 2001)
- Kyoto rescued (Economist, Jul 28, 2001)
  - Complain about big Kyoto costs
- Bushwhacked, an economist complains about Kyoto (Forbes, Sep 17, 2001, p 80)
- McCain, Lieberman criticize Bush’s global warming approach (Aug 4, 2001)
- Bush the Ogre (Wall St Jrnl, Aug 20, 2001)

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Maybe the problem is with Europe, not George Bush (Wall St Jrnl, Aug 21, 2001)

Christie Whitman (head of EPA) starts the get some respect (Business Week, Aug 27, 2001)

On global warming, cooler head prevails (Wall St Jrnl, Aug 24, 2001)

Bushwhacked; an economist talks about energy (Forbes, Sep 17, 2001)

The case against Kyoto (R. Jenne, Sep 19, 2001)

Pacific Ocean decadal climate change since 1661 (EOS, Oct 9, 2001)

Information about Antarctica (Science, 7 Sep 2001, etc.)

Hoffa confident of approval for Alaska drilling (Washington Times, Aug 20-26, 2001)

Kill Kyoto dead (Human events, Aug 13, 2001)

Profile of dissent by Richard Lindzen (Scientific American, Nov 2001, p 38-39)

Politics is hell (Science, 12 Oct 2001, p 311)

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Some Kyoto News, Mid-2003

  - And lawsuits about climate change (July 2003)

- EU nations falling behind on greenhouse gas vows (*Boulder Camera*, May 8, 2003)

- Hit and myth of global warming

- Climate experts reject industry-linked report
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  - Natural gas in short supply

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Some Stories About Energy, Kyoto, Climate, Politics,
July 2003

- In 1997, the US Senate voted 97 – 0 against any Kyoto plan that would hurt the US economy.

- There is now plenty of energy in the world.
  - In 30 to 50 years, it will be harder to deliver adequate energy.
  - A workable strategy for energy supply is needed.

- There are lots of politics around energy and environment
  - This makes it harder to settle on workable strategies.

- The Bush Administration has released a few energy plans
  - And there are always lots of critics.
  - The public is not yet aware that energy supply could become a bigger issue.

- If US policy does not delivery adequate energy at a reasonable cost, then people will get very angry.

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Some Stories About Energy, Kyoto, Climate, Politics, July 2003

(Courtesy of RJ 920)

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What debates should we see about Kyoto?

We would expect the many players to understand that Kyoto could be very costly and have a negative impact (this often gets lost). We might expect a focus on what is good and practical to do now to assure energy supplies and achieve more efficiency. There should be a debate about whether a country could live up to the Kyoto agreements even if they wanted to. People who advocate certain energy strategies such as getting rid of coal and nuclear, and putting the whole energy burden onto solar and wind need to really check all of the numbers. The issues are far too political now, and a useful strategy is to do what is practical before following the political wind of the moment. Energy supply is not an obvious problem now. But if national actions do not continue to deliver adequate energy at a reasonable cost, then the people will get very angry.

I think that it is not a helpful strategy to sign on to the Kyoto treaty. It is most likely to limit some of the good energy options, force unnecessarily high costs onto nations and cause a further politicization of the issues so that it is harder to achieve good, workable energy strategies.

1. A back door to Kyoto? (Feb 13, 2003)
   - This talks about the 2003 politics and gives some costs.
   - The Senate acted in 1997 (unanimous vote)
     - The US should not participate in any global warming agreement that would either (1) harm the US economy, or (2) fail to include meaningful participation by developing countries.
     - Kyoto failed to meet either of these conditions.
     - Clinton never sent a Kyoto proposal to Congress.

2. Bush emissions plan under fire (Feb 13, 2003)

   Clinton promises tighter efficiency standards. And he will plant trees, etc. Many environmentalists expressed disappointment. They want more action that is mandatory.
   - This was in 1993, 10 years ago.

4. Japan presses to win Russian Pipeline (June 30, 2003)
   Both China and Japan are hoping to have access to some of the Russian oil.
   - The world will need more oil, not less. Countries are trying to ensure a future supply of oil.

   A bunch of western researchers were thinking of boycotting a science meeting in Russia in Fall 2003. Yuri Izrael of Russia is a vice-chairman of IPCC and he has reservations about Kyoto. This scares a bunch of the western scientists. I met Yuri Izrael in May 1996, and he seemed to me to be bright, practical, and on target with most of his ideas.
   • Their white papers promises to cut CO₂ emissions by 60% by 2050.
   • They plan to reduce nuclear power (against the advice of several science bodies and key government scientists).
   • I do not think that this plan is well posed and based on hard realities.

The plan is about developing a hydrogen economy (but we need to remember that hydrogen can be an energy carrier, but not an energy source). The plan includes money to build a nuclear reactor to produce the hydrogen. But some people hate any mention of nuclear power. However, I have noted that this plan has not been attacked as hard as some ideas.

McCain and Lieberman introduced a Kyoto type of bill in the US Senate. It won’t pass but it will have a political effect.

The present Kyoto agreements call for some reductions in carbon emissions by 2012. There will be a meeting to talk about bigger carbon reductions for 2013 and later. The present Kyoto would cost a lot of money, but it would only make a 5% difference in year 2100.


If Kyoto is carried out by 2012 (which it won’t be), then the effect would be to reduce the expected greenhouse warming in 2100 by only about 5%. Is this worth the big costs?

13. Why Alberta opposes the Kyoto Protocol (Fall 2002)
But the central government in Canada did ratify the Kyoto Protocol.

Europe said they would have 8% less carbon emissions in 2012, compared with 1990. They probably will fall short of that goal.


16. Rebuked on global warming (Mar 1, 2003)
This is a *New York Times* editorial that hits at the US administration for not wanting to ratify Kyoto. The *NY Times* is a big advocate of the Kyoto treaty. The Wall Street Journal is against the treaty.

This shows some of the politics within the US Senate. And some in the House. A Kyoto bill will not pass, at least not now.
Reanalysis Update; Also Climate, Energy & Kyoto

1) An update for reanalysis events

2) 55 years of temperature from reanalysis

3) Early meteorological observations in the US

4) Pacific Decadal Oscillations

5) 2000 years of climate, some charts
   - And politics

6) Some issues have too much hype

7) The big growth of energy use
   - Key energy papers
   - Climate change and Kyoto

8) The Document Project at NCAR

9) Other
   - US Co-Op Net
   - Aids to teach cross-cut courses

This document has 77 pages, ready for scan Aug 28, 2003 (Doc RJ0293)

The US State Climatologists met in Portland OR during about Aug 5-8, 2003. People from NOAA were also there. I gave a 30-min talk and used about 32 of these slides. The goal was to show some of the links between the climate debates, future energy supply, and Kyoto.

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Aug 2003
Documents About Energy

Roy Jenne
Jul 25, 2003

RJ0012, 13  Econ Growth, Energy Supply, and Climate Change (150 p)
RJ0027  4 docs: World Climate, Energy, Etc. - many clippings (130 p)
RJ0048, 49  Energy Problems 1977 (158 p)
RJ0073  Annual Energy Outlook 1998 (23 p)
RJ0117  Information About Energy (34 p)
- Has biofuels, solar, hydrogen, etc.
RJ0118  Cost of All Energy for US Economy (7 p)
RJ0166  Will World Oil Run Out Soon? (92 p)
RJ0198  Renewable Energy Including Biomass and Waste (32 p)
RJ0203  Articles About Nuclear Energy (32 p)
RJ0231  Economic Growth, Energy Sources and Climate (71 p)

Documents About Kyoto

RJ0012, 13  Economic Growth, Energy Supply & Climate Change (150 p)
RJ0139  Kyoto Talks of Nov 2000 (20 p)
- "Healing at The Hague, Delegates get in face"
RJ0259  Canada Ratifies Kyoto in 12/2002; Not All Happy (12 p)
RJ0244  World Summit in South Africa, Aug 2002 (35 p)
RJ0290  Some Stories about Energy, Kyoto, Climate, Politics 7/03 (22 p)

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Also please see the documents about energy (above).

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