

# Obama's Multifaceted GWD Agenda and What Might Be Done to Slow It Down

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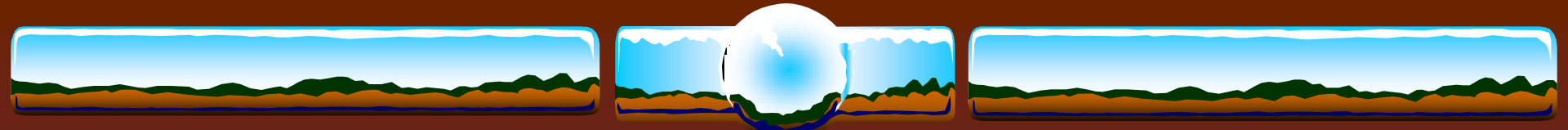
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# Some Acronyms

- ❖ GWD: Global Warming Doctrine as defined by Vaclav Klaus 2011
- ❖ SM: Scientific Method
- ❖ RPS: Renewable Portfolio Standard
- ❖ CAA: Clean Air Act
- ❖ CTL: Coal to Liquid transformation
- ❖ GTL: Natural Gas to Liquid transformation



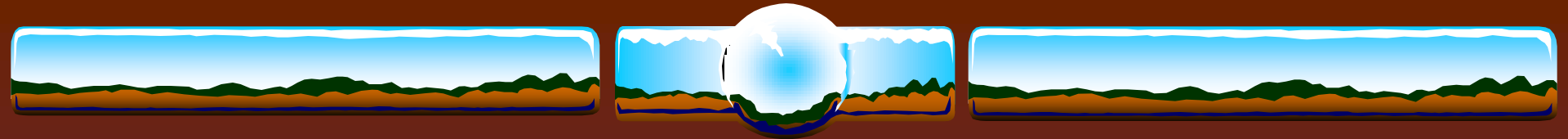
# SM Indispensable for Environmental Science & Economics & My Focus

- ❖ 2009 EPA Endangerment Finding
  - ❖ My 2009 analysis for EPA emphasized how the science used departed from that derived using the SM
- ❖ The SM should also be used as basis for determining economic benefits of proposed policies when possible
  - ❖ My 2011 paper on economic feasibility of GW control excluded some of the scientifically invalid benefits
  - ❖ Results contrast sharply with most previous efforts



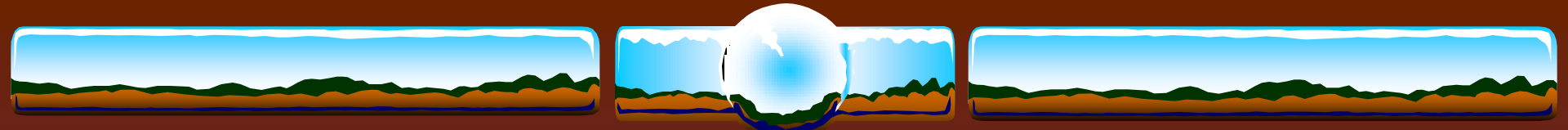
# But Restoring SM Is Not the Only Change Needed to Avoid Effects of Obama GWD Agenda

- ❖ The future of human freedom, economic progress, and science itself depends on the outcome!
- ❖ Need to slow down/stop Obama GWD agenda and make it less likely that such scientifically unfounded environmental scares can be promoted so easily in future
- ❖ Global cooling looking more likely; need to start preparing for it rather than very minor warming



# Philosophy for Counter-Measures

- ❖ Obama's multiple GWD agenda requires multiple responses
- ❖ If in doubt, public will often side with approaches that claim they will avoid environmental risks, even unproven and invalid ones that would adversely affect them economically
- ❖ For example, winning the argument that mercury from power plants or effects impacting species X do not need further regulation may be unlikely regardless of the scientific facts
- ❖ But Congress does need to control expenditures if fiscal problems are to be solved, so why should EPA be exempt?
- ❖ So interesting approach may be to fight for procedures/budget controls that solve both immediate and longer-term problems



# Obama's GWD Agenda Appears to Have at Least 9 Key Tactics in US

1. Cap and trade/tax
2. Renewable portfolio standards and wind/solar subsidies
3. EPA greenhouse gas regulations under Endangerment Finding to prevent new coal plants and shut down old ones
4. Multi-agency regulations using other authorities (e.g., Hg emissions—power plants; saline effluent—coal mining; dunes sagebrush lizard—oil production)
5. Impose stringent energy efficiency standards
6. Deny access to energy resources
7. Continue warmist “research” ignoring SM
8. Continue IPCC and CCCP “assessments”
9. Indoctrinate public with GWD



# Nine Means to Their GWD Ends

GWD Component	Current Status	Counter-measures
1. Cap and tax	Defeated 2010	Hopefully dead
2. RPS	Could be reborn	Public education
Wind/solar subsidies	Going strong	Budgetary change
3. EPA GHG regs	Being issued	Restrict using appropriations
4. “Unrelated” regs	Some postponed	
5. Energy efficiency	Going full bore	Provide info only
6. Deny fuel access	Going forward	Open access
7. Warmist research	More than ever	Equal funding of both sides; SM
8. IPCC assessments	Going strong	
9. GWD indoctrination	Going strong	End legislatively <sup>7</sup>



## 2. No RPSs or Wind/Solar Subsidies

- ❖ First of three fallbacks from cap and tax
- ❖ RPSs amount to a tax on users' utility bills to subsidize uneconomic, undependable sources
- ❖ Even more uneconomic due to shale gas revolution
- ❖ Costs and impracticality need to be made ultra-clear with illustrations of how various proposals would tax various groups
- ❖ Defeat RPSs as tax increase & subsidies on fiscal basis



## 3&4. EPA Expenditure Restrictions

- ❖ EPA has become GWD monster endangering fossil fuel energy, economy, jobs, rule of law, and scientific integrity
  - ❖ Could make substantial savings by farming out EPA functions to environmental organizations directly rather than through EPA front
  - ❖ EPA given broad mandate on assumption it would be used judiciously
  - ❖ Keeps trying to further expand this broad mandate (CAA, guidance docs)
- ❖ Upton-Inhofe deals only with GHGs; has only 50/50 Senate support
- ❖ Back procedural change that would require that EPA can only use funds to enforce those regulations receiving a specific line-item appropriation if the economic impact of the regulation exceeds specified levels
- ❖ Require by statute that EPA regs demonstrate a market failure, be based on applying the SM, and be reviewable



## 5. Make Energy Efficiency Advisory

- ❖ Consumers should be ultimate arbiters of the energy efficiency of what they buy, not bureaucrats or even elected officials
- ❖ Manufacturers will end up with models few will buy either in US or abroad
- ❖ Result will be loss of jobs and unhappy consumers
- ❖ Even more manufacturing will move overseas where standards are non-existent or more lenient



## 6. Stop Denying Access to Abundant Energy Resources on USG Land

- ❖ Private enterprise has discovered almost unlimited, widely distributed source of natural gas
  - ❖ US prices have dropped so much that it may compete with coal but may rise
- ❖ US was already the Saudi Arabia of coal
- ❖ So no shortage of energy sources now or indefinite future
- ❖ Green ideology emphasizing scarcity/saving energy clearly not in accord with reality or consumer preferences
- ❖ But still Obama/greens attempt to deny access/use through legal harassment and resource use restrictions on many energy resources, particularly on public land
- ❖ Reasonable environmental safeguards needed of course



## 6. US Energy Resources Abundant Except for Conventional Oil

- ❖ Wind/solar hopelessly expensive and unreliable
- ❖ Oil imports major problem but prices sufficient
  - ❖ To encourage further shale oil development
  - ❖ For substitution of gas & CTL if allowed by government
    - ❖ Best if no subsidies, but CTL & even GTL, which could actually and quickly guarantee US oil independence, far more deserving than wind and solar
- ❖ Need to open more energy resources owned by USG legislatively where markets will use them
- ❖ End legal harassment to restrict their use



# 7&8. SM & Equal Funding for Research & Assessment

- ❖ Statutory requirement that Res & Ass use SM
- ❖ Insure wide spectrum of viewpoints considered such as by statutory requirement that any US expenditures for BOTH Res and Ass be evenly divided between various science-based viewpoints
  - ❖ Major benefit—rent-seeking academics likely to switch sides
  - ❖ So not trying to stop research, just making sure that all sides are given equal opportunity to develop their ideas using public money if anyone is
  - ❖ Could be extended to other regulatory issues as well where there is significant science-based controversy
  - ❖ Separate environmental data gathering from interpretation to reduce incentives to fudge data



## 9. Prohibit US-Funded GWD Indoctrination

- ❖ Legislative prohibition probably best approach using constitutional argument on religion
- ❖ Unconstitutionality challenges are possibility
- ❖ But this funding is outrageous
- ❖ Why should taxpayers pay for their own indoctrination and that of students with GW ideology/religion/invalid science?
- ❖ Do we really want to continue down path to “1984” here?



# Conclusions

- ❖ Cap and Tax hopefully died in 2009
- ❖ GWD outcome by other means is now in the works
- ❖ So war is far from over and could still be lost
- ❖ Effective action necessary to promote economic progress, rule of law, and SM and prevent future such junk science power plays



# For More Details and New Developments

- ❖ Carlin Economics and Science website at <http://www.carlineconomics.com>
- ❖ Comments on draft EPA Endangerment Finding Technical Support Document: <http://www.carlineconomics.com/archives/1>
- ❖ Published article on application of SM to GWD emissions controls: <http://www.mdpi.com/1660-4601/8/4/985/pdf>