

Report Says World to Keep Getting Warmer

Climate changes 'very likely' caused by human actions

(AP)-- Scientists from 113 countries issued a landmark report Friday saying they have little doubt that recent global warming has been caused by man, and predicting that hotter temperatures and rises in sea level will "continue for centuries" no matter how much humans control their carbon emissions.

A top U.S. government scientist, Susan Solomon, said "there can be no question that the increase in greenhouse gases are dominated by human activities."

Environmental campaigners urged the United States and other industrial nations to significantly cut their emissions of greenhouse gases in response to the long-awaited report by Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change.

"It is critical that we look at this report ... as a moment where the focus of attention will shift from

whether climate change is linked to human activity, whether the science is sufficient, to what on



Car exhaust is a significant contributor to greenhouse gases and global warming.

earth are we going to do about it," said Achim Steiner, the executive director of the U.N. Environment Program.

"The public should not sit back and say 'There's nothing we can do,'" Steiner said. "Anyone who would continue to risk inaction

on the basis of the evidence presented here will one day in the history books be considered irresponsible."

The scientists wrapped up the various chapters of the report Friday, and then released a 21-page executive summary for policymakers. The full report will be published in May.

The report represents the most authoritative science on global warming as the panel comprises hundreds of scientists and representatives. It only addresses how and why the planet is warming, not what to do about it. Another report by the panel later this year will address the most effective measures for slowing global warming.

One of the authors, Kevin Trenberth, said scientists are worried that world leaders will take the message in the wrong way and throw up their hands. Instead, world leaders should to reduce emissions and adapt to a warmer world with wilder weather, he said.

Hudson says 'Idol' was Abusive



Jennifer Hudson

Academy Award nominee Jennifer Hudson doesn't exactly have pleasant memories of her days as a contestant on the hit FOX reality show "American Idol."

Hudson tells Essence magazine "On American Idol, you go through this mental thing; you've got to get yourself back together. You've been abused, misled and brainwashed to believe whatever they want you to think."

Hudson also told the magazine that "Idol" contestants "become a character," saying "I became the character in the turkey wrapping," referring to an unflattering outfit she once wore on the show. But she went on to say "I don't believe in looking back, and I didn't look back."

She goes on to deny rumors of trouble on the set of "Dreamgirls," the Broadway musical turned big-screen movie that earned her the Oscar nomination. Of the friendship between herself and co-stars Beyonce Knowles and Anika Nomi Rose, Hudson told the magazine "We were meant to be together."

Hudson, 25, reportedly beat out more than 300 other singer/actresses, including "American Idol" winner Fantasia Barrino, for her "Dreamgirls" role of Effie White, the character reportedly based on real-life singer Florence Ballard.

Sweat Shop Purchasing Ban Urged

To fight unjust labor practices

A local coalition is sending a message to City Council - dependence on goods and services secured by unjust labor practices won't fly in Portland.

No Sweat Portland, a group of more than 20 different labor, community, faith and student organizations, supports an ordinance that would mandate strong labor standards for city contractors, subcontractors and vendors.

The proposed law could require vendors to sign affidavits certifying that all items sold to the city were produced under humane working conditions.

"Portland is purchasing items from companies with a history

of doing business with sweatshops," said No Sweat representative Deborah Schwartz. "The only way to ensure that the city isn't supporting inhumane, illegal working conditions is to require city vendors to meet a basic code of conduct and for the city to join a national consortium that can monitor those commitments."

Schwartz and the Portland Sweatfree Campaign have released an analysis of city procurement practices, detailing the city's involvement with companies known to have partnered with subcontractors accused of labor and human rights abuses.

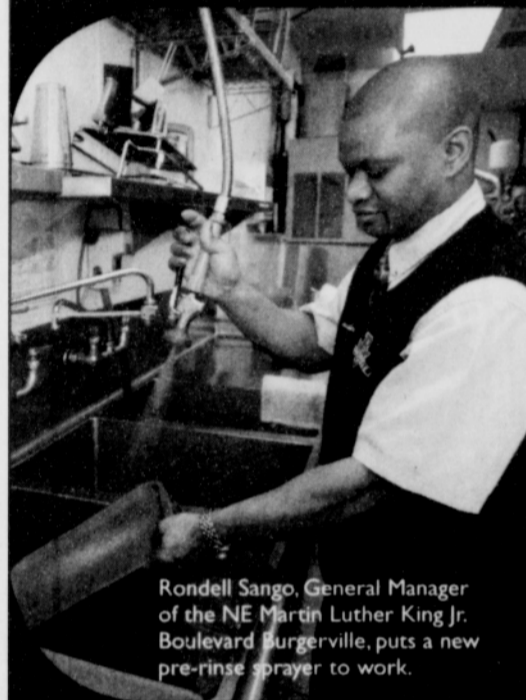
Some of these include sports apparel maker Russell, which operates Hermosa Manufacturing in El Salvador, a sweatshop

manufacturer accused of owing its employees over a million dollars in back wages and blacklisting employees so that they cannot get jobs at other factories.

Local outfit Columbia Sportswear has sourced from an apparel facility in El Salvador known as Evergreen, which unlawfully terminated approximately 300 workers in retaliation for workers' efforts to exercise their associational rights and failed to pay their workers the full back wages, severance, and benefits.

Cintas Laundry and Uniform Services, a registered bidder for the city, has encountered problems with compliance of wage and hour, environmental, anti-discrimination, health and safety, consumer fraud and labor laws.

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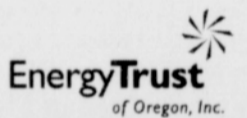
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