

Re: Global Warming: Junk science at it's [best] worst

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On Sep 7, 11:53 pm, bill.slo...@xxxxxxxx wrote:

Of course if we wait too long, we may already be into thermal runaway. The Permian mass extinction, some 251 million years ago, seems to have been brought on by the expulsion of lots of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere from volcanoes, rather than factory chimney's and car exhaust pipes, but it didn't get to be catastrophic until the warming had gone far enough that the methane hydrates had started breaking down and injecting megatonnes of methane into the atmosphere – enough to produce a negative spike in the carbon isotope ratios for carbonates deposited at the time.

Only two land animals survived that extinction – one was a reptile the size of a pig, so we might not be too big to survive a comparable event, but we are probably too slow-breeding.

Not when the pressure's on.

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