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Joerg wrote:

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So what's the big deal?

Letters and the like in magazines by scientists are to be taken as seriously as papers. After all, the scientist has put his/her name right above or under it. AGW and anti-AGW argumentation includes many other scientists, plus whole institutes.

My point was that I don't know that articles/letters are reviewed as rigorously, or are supposed to live up to the same format standards, as are actual papers. My impression is no, but I'd have to ask my friend who does R&D (and has published a number of papers over the past 20 or so years, and also co-authored several biotech patents).

It's a matter of ethics. In the same way I design my circuits for clients with the same amount of diligence, regardless of whether this will have to pass agency muster or not. If a scientist published letters or what IEEE calls "rapid communications" it better be good or the reputation will have a rather serious dent. And rightfully so.

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What we have in this group are (mainly) a bunch of competent engineers. Engineers HAVE to get things right or face the consequences. Insolvency, negligence cases, total extinction of their company or career.

Now try putting that test to the AGW movement.

Graham

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