

Re: Runaway Global Warming Possible!

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On Sun, 20 Mar 2005 19:02:43 -0500, in a place far, far away, "Ian St. John" <istjohn@noemail.usa> made the phosphor on my monitor glow in such a way as to indicate that:

>>> *The apocryphal story about engineering is that of engineering the
>>> British Canal system. The critical thing was to keep the water from
>>> either leaking out or the lining from washing away. The engineer was
>>> asked what his solution was. He walked over to a pile of clay and
>>> sand and started mixing them together chopping them into each other
>>> as you would lard for a pie shell. When asked why it worked, he
>>> merely replied that he didn't know. The science was not yet
>>> developed enough to determine how the rough protrusions of the sand
>>> grains kept a thin boundary layer of still water that kept the clay
>>> from being washed away.*
>>
>> *What does that have to do with modern engineers, and engineering?*
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>*I thought you might not understand engineering enough to get the point.*

No, I understand engineering, quite well, thank you. It's you who seems clueless.

>> *That's a pretty absurd comment, since you no absolutely nothing about
>> my engineering career. But then, that doesn't stop you from
>> commenting about anything else.*
>
>*No. You cannot stop me from commenting on your pathetic misrepresentation of
>engineering.*

Of course I can't--this is Usenet. I can't stop you from saying any number of insane things. All I can do is correct them. But that seems less and less like a fruitful use of my time, because I think that most can see how nuts they are without my comments.