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PEOPLE ARE TALKING

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With the internet, blogs, Twitter, forums - people are talking about EPA 24/7
Here's a sampling of what was said on Dec. 7, 2009:

NOTE: To read the entire blog entry, click on underlined URL. To learn more about the blogger, click on the name/link in first line. Notes and headings are from OPA.

GHG Endangerment Announcement

Favorable Comments

Video: EPA: Greenhouse Gases Harmful: In a monumental first for the U.S. government, the Environmental Protection A...
Posted by CBSEveningNews 6:59 pm Full post: http://bit.ly/5iURLt

Kerry: EPA Endangerment Finding Sends Important Signal to Congress, Copenhagen - eNews Park Forest
Posted by ITTNews 6:35 pm Full post: http://bit.ly/4nChJN

EPA cleared to regulate U.S. emissions as Congress stalls
Posted by climatenews 6:35 pm Full post: http://bit.ly/92RO2S

Copenhagen summit: Barack Obama boost as EPA says greenhouse gases endanger health
Posted by Daily_Telegraph 6:32 pm Full post: http://bit.ly/8DwL4a

EPA announcement on Greenhouse gases, this is change I believe in...
Posted by SFNando 6:30 pm Full post:

Historic EPA finding: Greenhouse gases harm humans
(Note: India newswire)
Posted by tnewsindia 6:25 pm Full post: http://ow.ly/167grS

EPA Sends Message To Congress, Copenhagen: America is Cutting Carbon, One Way Or Another
(Note: writer for Huffington Post)
Posted by billscher 6:20 pm Full post: http://bit.ly/781wfS

Wow. People have been calling for the US EPA to unilaterally regulate GHGs for ages, but I didn't think it would happen.
Posted by ianlister: 6:15 pm Full post: http://bit.ly/8diRHM

EPA: **Greenhouse Gases Hazardous to Your Health: U.S. environmental officials said Monday that greenhouse gases such...**
Posted by HealthyStuff: 6:03 pm Full post: http://bit.ly/8pRwRi

Unfavorable Comments

Republicans Knock EPA Position on Greenhouse Gasses
Posted by CBSNewsHotSheet: 5:58 pm Full post: http://bit.ly/4KgoIP

Day of Infamy. No,not Pearl Harbor. 2day! EPA ruled greenhouse gas endangers public health-must regulate!
Posted by RKThunder 5:58 pm Full post: http://www.**epa**.gov/

Breathing out may soon be regulated by the EPA!
Posted by LibertyYes 6:05 pm Full post: http://bit.ly/8X9Lsj

EPA chief: The hacked e-mails change nothing - The Hill's E2-Wire
Posted by Bellanieve 6:00 pm Full post: http://bit.ly/837QAq

EPA announcement based more on political science than climate science: AFBF Prez Stallman. #DontCAP
(Note: Deputy director of public relations for the American Farm Bureau Federation)
Posted by **@AFBFMace:** 5:50 pm Full post:

Copenhagen

More than 50k US climate activists unveil HUGE banner urging Obama to lead at Copenhagen
Posted by Greenpeace 6:50 pm Full post: http://bit.ly/5RsdbH

Tell Obama that it's time to sign an ambitious global warming treaty
Posted by sunny_ginger: 6:23 pm Full post: http://ow.ly/FfzM

Will Obama be the closer in Copenhagen?
Posted by doreenstabinsky: 6:20 pm Full post: http://bit.ly/6RLDnC

Positive energy can make a difference so spread word & get everyone thinking "yes leaders will sign a new climate deal"

Posted by Saveit4aSong 6:15 pm Full post: http://bit.ly/6RLDnC

ROUND-UP OF MAJOR BLOGS

Panel of Smarties, Take 3

Will the EPA's greenhouse-gas decision affect the Copenhagen climate talks? (*Grist*)

7 Dec 2009 5:10 PM
Will the EPA's greenhouse-gas decision affect the Copenhagen climate talks?
On Monday, as expected, the U.S. EPA officially declared that greenhouse gases are a threat to public health (the so-called endangerment finding), which means the agency is now "now authorized and obligated to make reasonable efforts" to reduce greenhouse-gas emissions.

We asked our expert panel what this means as it relates to ongoing international climate negotiations:

Is this going to have any effect on the Copenhagen talks? On the one hand, it enables Obama to show that he's going to regulate greenhouse gases no matter what Congress does. On the other, a regulatory solution is somewhat more fraught than a legislative solution, and could be reversed by the next president. On the (ahem) third hand, does the international community really understand the in's and out's of U.S. governance enough to appreciate what this means?

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