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The Cooler Heads Coalition will hold its May strategy meeting on Monday, 14th May, beginning at 12 noon at CEI, 1310 L Street, N. W., Seventh Floor. Please e-mail or ring me at Personal Matters / Ex. 6 with questions or agenda items.

EPA's Scientific Transparency Reforms:

EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt on 24th April announced a proposed rule to end the use of secret science (and make other science reforms) in EPA's regulatory process. The press release is here: https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/epa-administrator-pruitt-proposes-rule-strengthen-science-used-epa-regulations. The link to the proposed rule is at https://www.epa.gov/newsroom/proposed-rule-strengthening-transparency-regulatory-science.

One week before Pruitt's announcement, the National Association of Scholars published an important study by David Randall and Christopher Welser on ***The Irreproducibility Crisis of Modern Science***. Here is the link: https://www.nas.org/projects/irreproducibility_report.

Pruitt deserves lots of credit and so do many people who have worked for decades for scientific transparency. I'll mention only two here: Steve Milloy of JunkScience.com and Representative Lamar Smith, Chairman of the House Science, Space, and Technology Committee. Steve, a charter member of the Cooler Heads Coalition, has ongoing coverage of the controversy at JunkScience.com. Here is Chairman Smith's statement: https://science.house.gov/news/press-releases/smith-remarks-administrator-pruitt-s-scientific-transparency-announcement.

The blowback from environmental pressure groups and the junk science community has been amusing to watch. They are all for transparency and reproducibility, but not for requiring it when using junk science to justify costly new rules. Here are some examples:
http://thehill.com/opinion/energy-environment/384898-epa-proposal-will-hobble-good-science-and-harm-american-families
https://s3.amazonaws.com/ucs-documents/science-and-democracy/secret-science-letter-4-23-2018.pdf;

https://www.popsci.com/epa-transparency-public-health-data

Here are three news stories that toe the party line:
https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/energy-environment/wp/2018/04/24/pruitt-to-unveil-controversial-transparency-rule-limiting-what-research-epa-can-use/?noredirect=on&utm_term=.29e5569ee37d
https://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/pruitt-epa-transparency-rule-science_us_5adf44a8e4b07560f395fb16
http://www.latimes.com/politics/la-na-pol-epa-science-20180424-story.html

Although it isn't easy to argue against scientific transparency, the campaign against EPA's reforms is going to be intense. We will need to gear up to counter the mis-information from the environmental pressure groups and spread by the mainstream media. Angela Logomasini, my CEI colleague, does a good job in this article published on the Hill blog:
http://thehill.com/opinion/energy-environment/385411-pruitts-rule-ending-secret-science-is-pro-science-pro-consumer

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