

July 11, 2016

Mr. Adam Sieminski  
Administrator  
U.S. Energy Information Administration  
1000 Independence Avenue, S.W.  
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Administrator Sieminski,

On behalf of the organizations below, and our millions of supporters, we are writing today with a simple but urgent request. We respectfully request that the Energy Information Administration produce a safe climate scenario or scenarios that are consistent with our nation's climate goals.

Energy policy must align with climate science. A safe climate scenario would use the latest climate science to model all proposed energy supply and demand policies and projects in light of the globally agreed goal of "holding the increase in the global average temperature to well below 2 °C above pre-industrial levels and to pursue efforts to limit the temperature increase to 1.5 °C above pre-industrial levels."

Responsible policy makers, investors, and climate champions face many difficult decisions in the years to come. Decisions made today have significant impacts on future emissions levels because the lifespan of new infrastructure is decades long. They need to have a road map for climate safe policy that assumes success.

We understand and respect that this is not something that the Energy Information Administration has been asked to do before. We recognize and appreciate that you are now careful to point out the context for your Reference Scenario, and to helpfully clarify that it is not a prediction. Yet we believe it is clearly within the remit of the EIA to produce a climate safe scenario.

For your information, we have attached a copy of a briefing note our organizations and others prepared on the climate test concept. We would welcome the opportunity to discuss this further with you and your staff.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure: [Briefing Note: Call for A New Climate Test](#) – 350.org, Bold Nebraska, Ecology Action Centre, Equiterre, Environmental Defence, League of Conservation Voters, Oil Change International, Natural Resources Defense Council, Pembina Institute, Sierra Club February 2016