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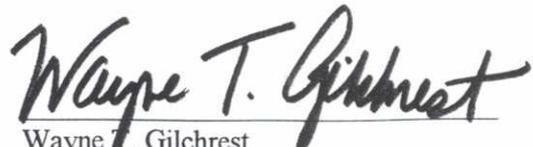
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Dear Colleague:

We would like to draw your attention to an article that appeared in The Washington Times on Sunday, March 21, 2004 entitled "CO₂ seen at record-high levels." The article reports recent data collected by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) at the Mauna Loa Observatory in Hawaii, showing atmospheric carbon dioxide levels for the past year increasing at an unprecedented rate.

Sincerely,


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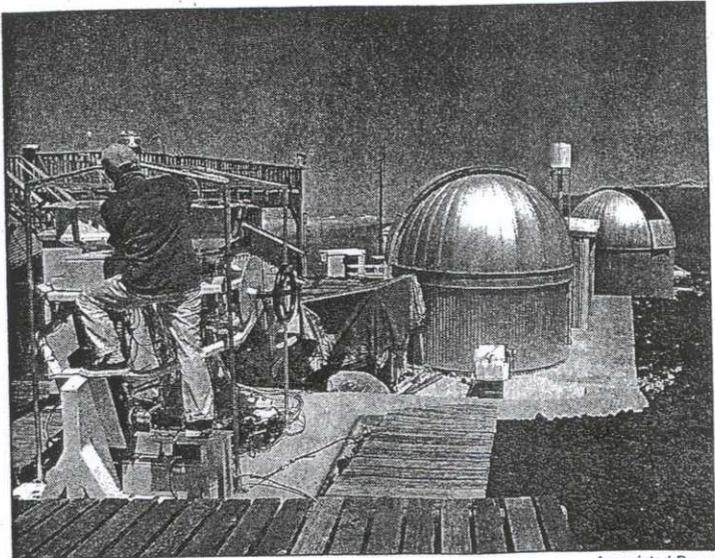
CO₂ seen at record-high levels

Greenhouse gas buildup found to be growing

MAUNA LOA OBSERVATORY, Hawaii (AP) — Carbon dioxide, the gas largely blamed for global warming, has reached record-high levels in the atmosphere after increasing at an accelerated pace during the past year, say scientists monitoring the sky from atop a Hawaiian volcano.

The reason for the faster buildup of the most important of the greenhouse gases will require further analysis, according to the U.S. government experts.

"But the big picture is that CO₂ is continuing to go up," said Russell Schnell, deputy director of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's climate monitoring laboratory in Boulder, Colo., which operates the Mauna Loa Observatory on the island of Hawaii.



Associated Press

Scientists monitoring the atmosphere from Hawaii's Mauna Loa Observatory have found record levels of carbon dioxide, largely blamed for global warming.