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Biofuels' Environmental Impact

First international science-based consensus report

On Thursday, April 2, an international team of scientists will release a critical science-based consensus assessment of biofuels' impact on the global environment. The assessment includes concern over the dramatic impact of corn-ethanol on the Gulf of Mexico "dead zone." It highlights how nitrous oxide emissions as a byproduct of ethanol production have been underestimated in the past, and will increase net greenhouse gas pollution.

The assessment reflects the work of the [Scientific Committee on Problems of the Environment](#) (SCOPE) of the International Council for Science (ICSU). More than 75 scientists from 21 countries and diverse disciplines have taken part in the SCOPE Biofuels Project's "rapid assessment" of the effects of biofuels on the environment.

What: First international consensus science-report on biofuels' environmental impact, *Biofuels: Environmental Consequences and Interactions with Changing Land Use*

Where: The report will be available online at <http://cip.cornell.edu/biofuels/>

When: Thursday, April 2, 9am EST

Who: *(Interviews available Thursday, see times below)*

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