



## **New Ethical Low for Global Warming Movement:**

### **Pacific Institute Reinstates Confessed Fraudster, Peter Gleick**

#### **For Immediate Release**

(CALGARY) The Friends of Science Society says the Pacific Institute's decision on June 6, 2012 to reinstate confessed criminal Peter Gleick as president is a new ethical low in the climate science community.

Gleick is well known for attacking climate scientists who disagree with his opinions. He supports the hypothesis of catastrophic human-caused global warming. The Pacific Institute describes itself as "advancing environmental protection, economic development, and social equity with science-based solutions that lead to social and political change."

Prominent climate alarmist Peter Gleick admitted on February 20, 2012 that he stole private documents from the Heartland Institute by fraudulently impersonating a board member. Heartland is a conservative American think tank engaged in free market solutions for social and economic issues – questioning human-caused climate change is one key element of their research.

Gleick sent the Heartland documents and a forged fake document to journalists and liberal activists. The fake document contained a number of false and outrageous statements damaging to the reputation of the Heartland Institute.

At the time, Peter Gleick was head of the Pacific Institute for Studies in Development, Environment, and Security; Chairman of the American Geophysical Unit (AGU) Committee on Scientific Ethics; and a director of the National Center for Science Education (NCSE). Gleick admitted he stole the private documents only after several investigators compiled evidence that Gleick was the likely forger of the fake document.

The scandal became known as "Fakegate" due to the fake document that Gleick sent to journalists. Several alarmist groups used to fake document to launch a misinformation campaign targeting Heartland Institute donors.

The Pacific Institute failed to explain why a confessed criminal should be reinstated as its president.

The Heartland Institute issued a statement on June 7, stating “The Pacific Institute’s board of directors has failed to perform its duty and should be deeply ashamed. We have asked the federal government to prosecute Gleick for what we believe were serious crimes.”

That the Pacific Institute should have a president who has committed theft, fraud and defamation is an affront to all scientists and taints all Pacific Institute publications. The reinstatement of Peter Gleick as president confirms the basic moral corruption of the Pacific Institute in particular and of the global-warming alarmist movement in general.

### **About the Friends of Science – In support of the Scientific Method**

Friends of Science provide peer-reviewed climate science and support the scientific method – using observed reality, documented evidence and tested results – as opposed to computer models alone. Based on decades of accumulated evidence regarding climate change, Friends of Science research data base indicates that solar cycles are the most significant factor in global temperature fluctuations.

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Pacific Institute press release:

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## **Background**

### **Climate Science Scandals – “Fakegate”, “Climategate”, and more**

“Fakegate” is the last in a long series of scandals concerning the anthropogenic global warming hoax. The release of thousands of emails in 2009 and 2011, known as “Climategate,” revealed that scientists associated with the International Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) were manipulating data to support the Catastrophic Anthropogenic Global Warming (CAGW) hypothesis. They were deleting, hiding and ignoring data that contradicted the theory, conspiring to illegally avoid freedom of information requests, corrupting the peer review process to prevent the publication of contrary data and views, while privately expressing grave doubts about the validity of their own CAGW theory.

### **Scientific Method Abandoned by Global Warming Alarmist Scientists**

The Friends of Science website compiles evidence that the IPCC warming projections based on climate models are grossly exaggerated likely six fold. In direct violation of the Scientific Method – assessing a hypothesis against observed, documented evidence - the IPCC ignores all evidence of natural climate change.

A standard test of a computer model that ‘forecasts’ is to run the model and see if it can also ‘hindcast’ accurately. This means that an accurate model should be able to reproduce the same historical results, closely matching documented temperatures of the past.

The IPCC climate models are unable to replicate the temperature changes of the 20<sup>th</sup> century because they do not incorporate any natural causes of climate change.

Likewise, IPCC predictions have been shown to be inaccurate. Research conducted by Donna Lafromboise revealed that the IPCC methods and sources have been corrupted.

Global temperatures have been falling for ten years while carbon dioxide emissions continue. Global temperatures fell significantly from 1945 to 1975, resulting in the great global cooling scare, yet IPCC climate models show continual warming through this period.

The huge discrepancies between climate models and measurements render them completely useless for making policy decisions – yet governments and organizations around the world continue to beat the drum on Catastrophic Anthropogenic (human-caused) Global Warming despite its scientifically inaccurate basis and the questionable ethics associated with much of the CAGW movement.