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THE ALAR SCARE

On February 26, 1989, a segment of the CBS *60 Minutes* program was devoted to a report by the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC) claiming that Alar, a substance sprayed on apple blossoms to enhance the appearance of apples and keep them from falling off the trees, was carcinogenic to children. Within hours apples were being dumped out across the nation.

The Natural Resources Defense Council's anti-Alar report was based on a long-discredited animal test conducted in 1977 during which some rats suffered liver damage, and eventually developed tumors, after being fed massive amounts of Alar. A Scientific Advisory Panel was appointed to examine the 1977 data. It found the researcher had fed her rats 48 times their maximum tolerable dosage. The panel concluded that the entire 1977 Toth study was "useless for assessing carcinogenic risk from Alar, and provided no basis for cancelling its registration [as a legal commercial chemical]."

Since that time, two other correctly designed tests have proven Alar does *not* even cause cancer in rats and *was banned for no good reason*.

On November 28, 1990, 11 apple growers filed a class-action suit against *60 Minutes* and the Natural Resources Defense Council seeking compensation for sagging sales during the scare over Alar. The suit alleges that the defendants, *60 Minutes* and the Natural Resources Defense Council knowingly published false statements about the safety of apples treated with Alar, resulting in business losses estimated at \$100 billion.

THE GLOBAL WARMING HOAX

The *Sunday Telegraph* in London, England, on April 21, 1968, published a frightening survey headlined "Strange

Case of Climate Shift" which detailed dire forecasts of steadily increasing cold. The report then went on to say:

"...there are signs that the glaciers may be advancing again. Dr. James Lodge, of the National Center for Atmospheric Research in Boulder, Colorado, suggested that this may be the first sign of another ice age on the way."

Less than ten years later, in 1977, the U.S. National Academy of Sciences suggested that a new ice age "is upon us."

However, in April 1990, an international team of scientists gathered at the United Nations to report as a "virtual certainty" that the earth's surface is warming dramatically.

Dr. H. Read McGrath is a professional meteorologist with 50 years of experience. Also an aerospace engineer, he is quite upset about sensationalists who continue to predict various kinds of weather-related doom.

McGrath insists, "There is no evidence whatsoever that the atmosphere is either warming or cooling."

Ask the average person whether he thinks there is danger of "global warming," or a negative "greenhouse effect," and he probably will answer affirmatively. One reason is that there has been extensive propaganda warning of suspected dangers of things that some claim are causing temperatures to rise.

In November 1990, the Public Broadcasting System (PBS), which is subsidized by taxpayers' dollars, aired on TV a scare program on global warming called *After the Warming*. It was a fictional look at what awful effects might occur by the year 2050.

But when a highly acclaimed British-produced program called *The Greenhouse Conspiracy* was offered, giving evidence that there is no urgent global-warming danger, PBS refused to show it to American viewers.

The British program that Americans can't see on PBS makes four basic points: Most testing of warming involves dry-land stations where population centers may