**CAC Message Guidance: Wheeler Denies the Science in #NCA4 – Without Reading It**

**In response to the release of the fourth National Climate Assessment, Acting EPA Administrator Andrew Wheeler took his trademark climate denial to the next level, throwing out wild conspiracy theories in an attempt to question the validity of a study his own agency experts conducted.**

* First, when asked about the dire warnings from the report and recommendation that immediate action be taken to address climate change, Wheeler said in an interview -  FIVE days after the release of the report - that he has yet to read it.
* But that didn't keep him from speculating that the Obama administration instructed the drafters to focus on worst case scenarios and suggesting that future iterations of the report would be reviewed by political appointees in the Trump administration.
* Claiming that a scientific report is politically motivated is unconscionable from someone who leads a science based agency. John Holdren, Obama’s science advisor, called Wheeler’s insinuation “absolutely false.” Holdren said the only instruction to the authors was to use the best available peer-reviewed science in drafting the report.
* We deserve better than an acting EPA administrator willingly engaging in conspiracy theories in order to discredit findings produced by years of research at EPA and a dozen other federal agencies. We need an EPA chief willing to take action to protect communities from the immediate danger posed by climate change.

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