

# GOVERNOR WOLF IN HIS OWN WORDS: LEGACY EDITION

U.S. is warming faster than global averages, threatening things Americans value most, [says](#) draft National Climate Assessment.

“The UN Secretary General António Guterres says the Working Group’s report was nothing less than [‘a code red for humanity.’](#)”

More than 11,000 scientists from 153 countries “warn of untold human suffering in a report titled [World Scientists’ Warning of a Climate Emergency.](#)”

UN IPBES [reports](#) “species are going extinct up to several hundred times quicker than during the last 10 million years and half of plants and animals currently have ‘insufficient habitat for long term survival.’”

The IPCC report found that some of the most severe climate change scenarios were occurring decades earlier than expected at lower levels of warming. “The next few years are probably the most important in our history,” [says](#) IPCC co-chair.

More than 15,000 scientists sign letter that says To prevent widespread misery and catastrophic biodiversity loss, humanity must practice a more environmentally sustainable alternative to business as usual.

“What is happening right now is we are catapulting ourselves out of the Holocene, which is the geological epoch that human civilization has been able to develop in, because of the relatively stable climate,” [says](#) Potsdam Professor Stefan Rahmstorf.

USDA report [says](#) climate change is likely to cause disruptions in food production, decrease in food safety, which in turn leads to local availability limitations and increases in food prices, with these risks greatest for the global poor and in tropical regions.

“Climate change, once considered an issue for a distant future, has moved firmly into the present,” 2014’s [National Climate Assessment says.](#)

**2022**

“Key to this transition will be the development of a range of innovative and flexible clean energy pathways, including CCUS, clean hydrogen production, and the creation of a diverse market for clean hydrogen end-use,” [says Wolf](#) in declaration 24 industry, labor, and non-profits signed with him supporting production of blue hydrogen whose feedstock is methane.

**2021**

“We need to make sure that we do everything we can to encourage, I think, this industry but we need to make sure it’s making a great contribution to Pennsylvania,” [says Wolf](#) regarding Back to Work, his severance tax proposal du jour.

**2020**

“The petrochemical and natural gas industries play an important part in Pennsylvania’s energy-efficient and energy-sustainable future. I am fully supportive of this type of economic development within the Commonwealth,” [says Governor Wolf](#) in a letter to the House explaining his veto of a methane tax credit measure he later signs as an amendment to another bill.

**2019**

“If we’re going to have a healthy gas industry, we need a pipeline network, we need it here in Pennsylvania, otherwise were just going to be exporting this natural resource to Gulf States and Pennsylvanians are not going to benefit to the extent that they should,” [Governor Wolf says](#) in a radio interview the same day he announces emissions reduction plan.

**2018**

“The governor said his objective was to enhance environmental protection, ‘and the way you do that is not by dragging your feet — it is not by making people really angry on the industry side with the time it takes to get permits,’” [says statement](#) on Wolf’s plan to speed permitting.

**2017**

‘The foundation for building a diverse and robust petrochemical and plastics industry was initiated with the decision by Shell Chemicals to invest in Pennsylvania—and we must ensure that we make the most of this chance to create good paying jobs for Pennsylvanians,’ [says Wolf](#) of report saying Pennsylvania can support four more cracker plants.

**2016**

“I think this is the biggest project that has come to Pennsylvania since World War II,” [says Wolf](#) of Shell cracker, comparing plastics production to steel.

**2015**

“Working as one region, we can maximize opportunities to develop shale gas and liquid that increases the value of the resources for our states and all of our constituents,” Wolf [says](#) of Tri-State Shale Alliance with OH and WV governors.

**2014**

Governor-elect Wolf [calls NY ban](#) “unfortunate” and says, “I want to have my cake and eat it, too. I don’t want to do what New York did.