

## Response to Ben Edwards

*Dear Editors:*

WE AGREE with Ben Edwards that there are other important factors that may affect global warming, especially perhaps methane releases as well as warming effects of other gases produced in lesser amounts. The reason we attempted to develop a model that could provide estimates of the relative amounts of anthropogenic fossil-derived CO<sub>2</sub> is that the consensus among the groups and individuals who are driving energy policy changes is that CO<sub>2</sub> is the major concern of anthropogenic origin contributing to climate change, but no one had actually determined how much of the CO<sub>2</sub> that is in the atmosphere is from anthropogenic fossil-derived

sources. It is our concern that the human and economic resources we are expending to alter climate outcomes be directed at the proper source(s) if such sources are within our control.

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