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 **TODAY'S "QUICK HIT":**  
**GLOBAL WARMING:**  
**MAKE SURE**  
**YOU PUT OUT**  
**THE RIGHT FIRE!**

By Stephen L. Bakke  June 20, 2017



*Here's what provoked me:*

*Many of you read my analysis of the "97% consensus" claim. Actually I was surprised to get some "push-back," but I did. There was a very polite attempt to sneak up on me with the following clever analogy: "if your house is on fire do you pour gas on the fire because it's happening naturally, or do you call the fire department?" My reaction is that "two can play that game!"*

*Here's my response:*

**Global Warming: Make Sure You Put Out the Right Fire!**

On June 20, Marty Mickle attempted to politely give me my "comeuppance" (re: "adding fuel to the global warming fire"). The letter referenced my June 15 letter (re: "the 97% claim").

My original letter was intended to disclose the inadequate research behind the claim that the following statement accurately reflected the consensus of scientific opinion: "97% of scientists agree the earth is warming and humans are the major cause." My point was that "the science isn't yet settled."

Mickle's letter took issue with my caution. He used this clever analogy: "if your house is on fire do you pour gas on the fire because it's happening naturally, or do you call the fire department? ..... The answer is not in what is at fault, but what is the solution."

I actually agree with Mickle's solution-based statement. However, I must warn Mickle that since global warming is more subtle than a raging fire, one must be sure that it's the house that's burning. It would be rather useless and silly to spray water on the house if it's really the barn that's on fire.

Facts matter both for our economy and for choosing an effective solution!