

Dear Sir Muir Russell:

The presence of David Eyton, BP Research Director, on the email review team is a matter of public concern.

Eyton's impartiality seems to be compromised by the following statement he made:

"The challenge of climate change requires policy development at all levels: global, national and local. Our work with Princeton is an example of BP's commitment to collaborative research, and has already provided a vital contribution to the pace of policy development."

BP has a contract with Princeton University in USA to investigate climate change that runs from 2000 to 2010. This contract was extended in 2008 to continue until 2015.

See: <http://www.dailyprincetonian.com/2008/10/17/21842>

The head of the Princeton Environmental Department, Michael Oppenheimer, is a convinced Anthropogenic Global Warming advocate.

http://www.princeton.edu/pr/home/02/0312_climate/hmcap.html

The website says "Climate change is the top environmental problem of the 21st century. If nothing is done to restrain the emissions that are causing the buildup of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere, then our children and grandchildren are likely to experience a global warming unprecedented in the history of civilization."

BP, guided by Eyton, richly funded carbon mitigation studies leading to this emotive conclusion by Princeton Environmental Department. Therefore Eyton's statement implying that he accepts Princeton's conclusions does not engender confidence that he will make an independent, objective review of the UEA emails.

Yours sincerely

Malcolm McClure FGS