

## TRANSLATED TEXT

## The Effects of Global Warming on Our Lives

### Abstract

The term global warming refers to the theory that the average temperatures around the world have begun to rise, and will continue to do so, because of an increase in the emission of certain gases (called greenhouse gases) in Earth's atmosphere (Gale, 2001). When talking about the effects of global warming, it is also important to understand that the effects we are already experiencing are mild in comparison with will happen in the future if we do not take action today. Some of the effects of global warming are outbreak of deadly diseases, warmer water, more hurricanes and intense thunderstorms, increased probability of droughts and heat waves, cold waves, economic consequences, melting of polar ice caps, more floods, fires and wildfires, destructive storms, death my smog, desertification, Tsunamis, increased volcanic activity, migration, conflict, and wars, loss of biodiversity and animal extinction, death of ocean life, animal attacks, and diminished food and water supplies. While this might seem all bad news, curtailing the release of carbon dioxide and other heat-trapping "greenhouse" gases into the atmosphere by means of personal action (reducing use of oil, gasoline, and coal) and becoming energy efficient can help remedy this serious situation (Simmons, 2007).

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