

## Program Outline

The webcast will be held on Monday, March 12, 2007 from 1:00pm- 2:30pm Eastern Daylight Time. The program will include two panel discussions, several video segments, and question and answer periods. Audience members at all sites will have an opportunity to call in (using any telephone) and email questions to our live panels. We will answer as many questions as time permits. Sites are encouraged to hold dialogues in their own communities following the webcast.

The program will be moderated by Ira Flatow, NPR's Science Friday

Panel 1: Speakers will address the impact of secrecy and scientific suppression at the national level.

Speakers include:

- Francesca Grifo, Senior Scientist and Director of Scientific Integrity Program at the Union of Concerned Scientists, will give an overview of how "Secrecy Can Make You Sick" - how secrecy of and manipulation of science can hurt you and your community
- Rick Piltz, Director of Climate Science Watch, whistleblower who resigned from the U.S. Climate Change Science Program to protest Bush administration political manipulation.
- Susan Wood, Research Professor in the Department of Environmental and Occupational Health and former FDA official who quit over the delay of Plan B
- Jay Dyckman, director of The Knowledge Project at the National Coalition Against Censorship, to discuss first amendment free speech issues and describe what you can do

Panel 2 will focus on state and local issues. Speakers include:

- Rob Thompson, Public Interest Advocate, North Carolina Public Interest Research Group (NCPIRG)
- Dorothy Biggs, former Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) librarian, National Enforcement Investigations Center
- Mark Tapscott, Editorial Page editor of the *Washington Examiner*

Pete Weitzel of the Coalition of Journalists for Open Government will present the findings of a national audit to collect emergency response plans

Gary Bass of OMB Watch will conclude the program with ideas for action