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Dear Readers,

I founded Environmental Health Sciences \_\_\_\_\_<sup>Coordinating conjunction</sup> years ago, and on a daily basis we have been bringing you stories about how the environment and health intersect through Environmental Health News.

Within our team we have been doing a lot of thinking lately about other converging problems in related fields that are coming toward us like a freight train:

climate change clearly ramping up,

ocean acidification already affecting marine life,

species disappearing,

the food system rife with economic distortions,

soils being lost and toxified,

water distress touching many aspects of our lives,

the precarious dependence of our economy on nonrenewable resources such as fossil hydrocarbons, and

population pressure on the economy and the environment.

These

are planetary challenges, each with its own power to destabilize society. But what keeps me awake at night is that these are force multipliers, interacting in ways we do not fully understand but almost certainly have never experienced as a society at any time in human history.

These last several months I've traveled widely to visit eminent scientists and economists to dig more deeply.

I want today to share with you today a revamped Environmental Health News - and a new way of looking at the 80-plus stories we aggregate and publish daily about the major planetary challenges we face.

Beneath the masthead of our revamped EHN.org, we've added links to new pages that highlight important stories about toxification, food and agriculture systems, population, biodiversity, water and air, among other foundational issues.

On each of those pages, you will find news that focuses on developments within each of those areas and, importantly, interactions among them.

We are entering an increasingly perilous era because their consequences mount as we people have become so numerous with our enormous appetite for energy, food and irreplaceable resources.

More

changes are in store for EHN. Look for a new design and additional new functionality. We will continue bringing you the stories that matter, with special focus on the science that helps us understand and monitor those developments.

Keep reading, learn more, act with foresight,

Pete Myers

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