

# Really?

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## NASA-affiliated scientist says rising greenhouse emissions could prompt alien attack

Aliens may destroy humanity to protect other civilisations, claims expert

A NASA-affiliated scientist and experts at Pennsylvania State University have released a report that claims rising greenhouse emissions could prompt an alien attack.

In their report entitled "Would Contact with Extraterrestrials Benefit or Harm Humanity? A Scenario Analysis", Shawn Domagal-Goldman of NASA's Planetary Science Division and his colleagues compiled a list of plausible outcomes that could unfold in the aftermath of an encounter with other species from space. The researchers divide alien contacts into three broad categories: beneficial, neutral or harmful.

In the harmful category, the report says there is a chance, although unlikely, that

extraterrestrial beings might view changes in Earth's atmosphere caused by greenhouse gas emissions as symptomatic of a civilisation growing out of control - and take drastic action to keep us from becoming a more serious threat.

Additionally, "green" aliens might object to the environmental damage humans have caused on Earth and wipe us out to save the planet. "These scenarios give us reason to limit our growth and reduce our impact on global ecosystems. It would be particularly important for us to limit our emissions of greenhouse gases, since atmospheric composition can be observed from other planets," the authors write.

# Sustainability group releases Middle East enviro-graphics

Carboun, an online sustainability advocacy group led by Karim Elgendy, recently released some nifty easy-to-understand infographics on the carbon emissions and water resources of Middle Eastern residents. Education is empowerment and BGreen hopes these graphs will help people understand the need for environmental change in the region.

