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Scientists connect global warming to extreme rain



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WASHINGTON – Two studies in the journal *Nature* link global warming to extreme rainstorms and snowfalls and find these weather events are getting substantially worse.

One study found that the strongest precipitation events were 7 percent wetter in the 1990s than they were in the 1950s. The other looked at costly flooding in England and Wales in the fall of 2000 and found that global warming more than doubled the likelihood of that flood occurring. Both studies used computer modeling.

Myles Allen of the University of Oxford, who co-authored the British research, said it shows global warming isn't a victimless problem.

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