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## **US Environmental Agency Can Limit CO2** ***Supreme Court sides with states and environmental groups that sued EPA.***

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The U.S. Supreme Court ruled Monday that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) can regulate carbon dioxide emissions from new vehicles, a decision seen as a strong rebuke to President George Bush's administration's lax environmental enforcement standards.

The EPA under President Bush had maintained it doesn't have the authority to regulate carbon dioxide emissions, and even if it did, it lacked the scientific evidence to do so. That position prompted 12 states and 13 environmental groups to sue the EPA to force it to regulate greenhouse gas emissions that scientists say cause global warming.

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### **Siding with Scientists**

"This is important because it reduces the legal uncertainty that swirled around climate change," said Robert Wilder, CEO of WilderShares, which maintains three energy indices. "It doesn't get any higher than the Supreme Court, and the court is taking the side of the majority of scientists around the world. Now people can press for action on a national and state level."

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