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AAAS Statement on EPA Restricting Scientist Communication of Research Results

“The American Association for the Advancement of Science is committed to open discussion and dialogue about scientific research, both among the scientific community and with the public. We strongly object to the EPA restriction of scientists on Oct. 23 from discussing relevant scientific information with other scientists at a scientific meeting in Providence, Rhode Island. U.S. government agencies, including EPA, have policies of scientific integrity that should address the need for this communication. Restrictions on the freedom of scientists employed or funded by government agencies to communicate their unclassified scientific findings with their peers, policymakers, and the public risks creating critical roadblocks that prevent science from serving the public good.”

-- Rush Holt, chief executive officer, American Association for the Advancement of Science

Note: The AAAS Board of Directors [made a statement](#) on Scientific Freedom and Responsibility on Oct. 12, 2017.

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