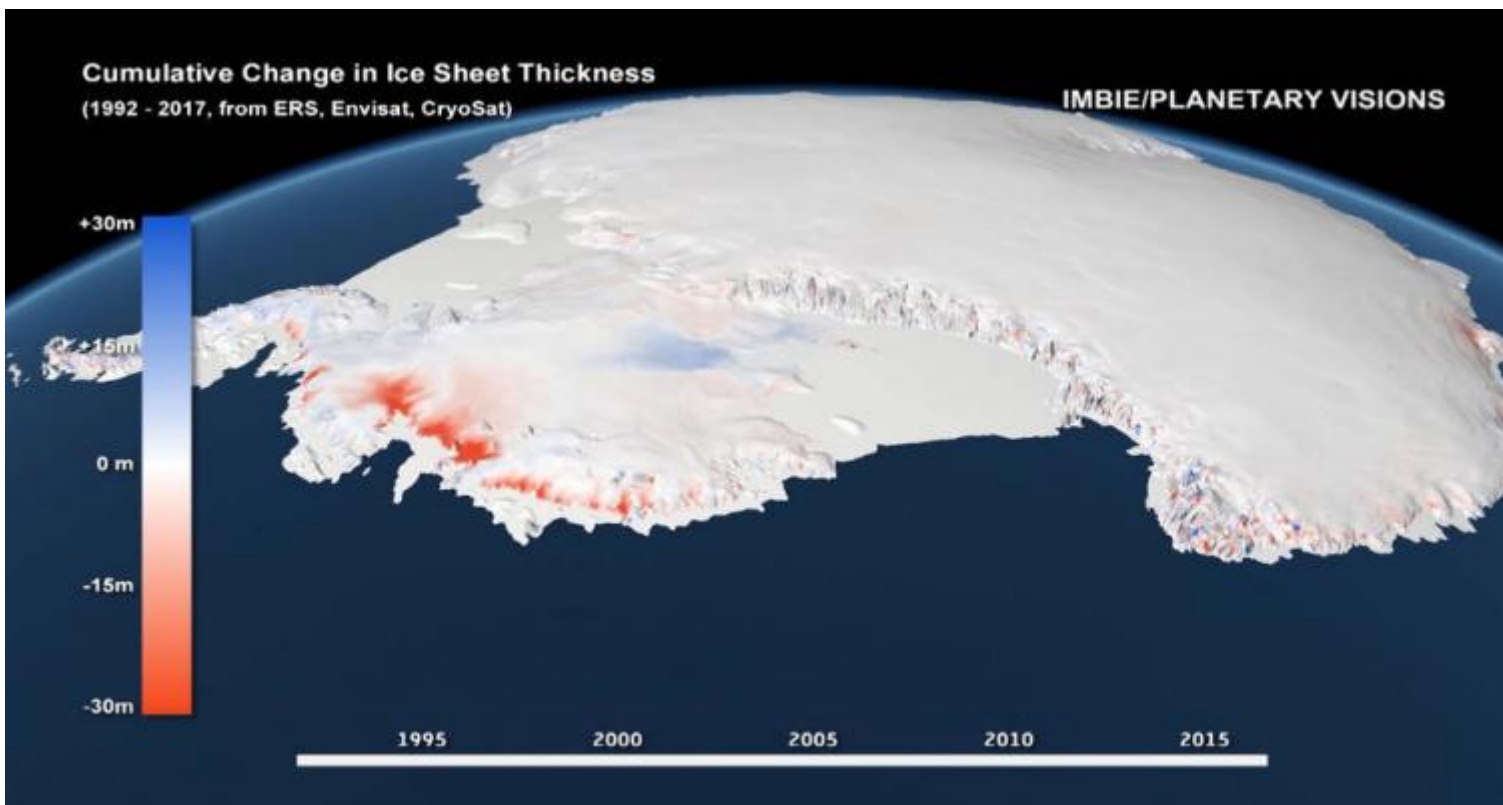


Antarctic ice melt speeding up, threatening coastal cities worldwide



Washington, August 6 (RHC)-- In the United States, a recent study finds global warming is accelerating the melting of Antarctica's ice sheet, adding about 200 billion tons of water to the planet's oceans each year and threatening to inundate coastal communities around the globe.

The findings published in the journal *Nature* reveal the rate of Antarctica's ice melt has tripled over the past decade, as the continent surpassed Greenland as the largest contributor to sea level rise.

This comes as two Harvard social scientists argued the Donald Trump administration's reduction of environmental regulations could cause the deaths of an additional 80,000 people or more per decade.

Writing in *The Journal of the American Medical Association*, the scientists say the EPA's rollback of clean air rules alone will cause an additional one million Americans to contract respiratory illness.



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