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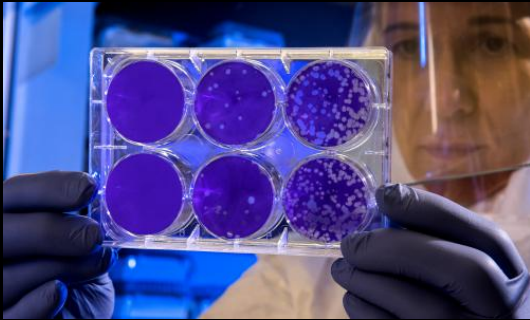
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Urge Congress to prioritize science-based election reforms.

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How we work

Research the world's most pressing issues

Fight misinformation and defend science

Communicate with the media, the public, and decisionmakers

Mobilize our 500,000 supporters to advocate for change

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Accomplishments

MARCH 2024

Fenceline Communities Better Protected from Chemical Disasters

UCS has worked for years to draw attention to weak standards that do not protect workers and adjacent communities from potential chemical plant disasters. A new EPA rule strengthens requirements for such facilities' preparedness and prevention.

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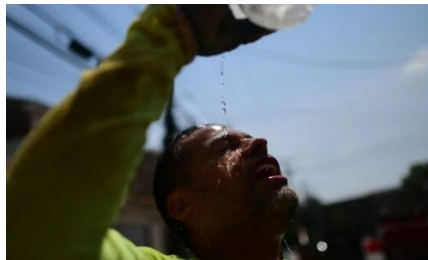
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Journalist Jesse J. Holland talks with Jess about changes in journalism and communicating science in the age of social media.

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