

(**Transition:** Now let's turn to the second major cause of the greenhouse effect)

III. Industrial emissions also contribute to the growth of the greenhouse effect (National Issues Forums Institute 6)

(**Transition:** The last major cause of the greenhouse effect may be the most important.)

IV. Increased energy consumption magnifies the greenhouse effect (National Issues Forums Institute 7)

### Conclusion

**Summary Statement:** In short, if you want to know why we have a greenhouse effect, listen for the falling trees, watch the industrial smokestacks darkening the sky, and smell the exhaust fumes we are pumping into the air. The greenhouse effect is a monster we all are creating. And if we don't stop, we and our children may face drastic climate changes and serious health problems.

**Concluding Remarks:** Vice-President Al Gore used the following story to illustrate how the greenhouse effect can sneak up on us. In an address to the National Academy of Sciences, he said, "If dropped into a pot of boiling water, a frog will quickly jump out. But if the same frog is put into a pot and the water is slowly heated, the frog will stay put until boiled alive. So it is with pollution. . . if we do not wake up to the slow heating of our environment, we may jump too late" (Gore, "Global"). The more we know about this problem, and the better we understand it, the more likely we are to jump and the less likely we are to be boiled alive.

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