

David Doniger, of NRDC, has [posted](#) his assessment of the Copenhagen Accord. It's more positive than a lot of what we heard right after the conference ended. His conclusion:

*So give up the sour and grudging reviews. The Copenhagen Accord is a significant breakthrough that signals a new era of effective cooperation between all major emitters, and opens the door to finally enacting U.S. climate and energy legislation next year.*

Doniger started work with NRDC thirty years ago and was also Bill Clinton's director of climate policy. So his views carry some weight. There's no doubt that Copenhagen was a disappointment in some ways, but it was also the first time that the major heads of state personally committed to action on climate change. That has to mean something.