

After new leak, climatologist takes case to public

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This is a Dec. 10, 2009 file photo showing the Climatic Research Unit at the University of East Anglia in Norwich, England. East Anglia, where stolen emails caused a global climate science controversy in 2009 says those behind the breach have apparently released a second and potentially far larger batch of old messages. University of East Anglia spokesman Simon Dunford said that while academics didn't have the chance yet to examine the roughly 5,000 emails apparently dumped into the public domain Tuesday, Nov. 22, 2011 a small sample examined by the university "appears to be genuine." (AP Photo/Kirsty Wigglesworth, File)

(AP) -- The British climatologist ensnared [in a new email leak](#) has taken

his case to the press, arguing that he and his colleagues' comments have again been taken out of context.

Phil Jones, the director of research at the University of East Anglia's [Climatic Research Unit](#), was a major player in the controversy that erupted two years ago over the publication of emails that caught prominent scientists stonewalling skeptics and attacking opponents in vitriolic terms.

A new leak that appeared Tuesday has threatened to cause similar [embarrassment](#) ahead of climate change talks in South Africa. Jones and his university met journalists to try to defuse any negative press.

Jones said Wednesday the emails were again being "cherry-picked" and explained away many of the messages.

More information: University of East Anglia: <http://www.uea.ac.uk/>

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