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More than 97 percent of climate scientists agree the planet is warming and that human activity is largely responsible. It is clear from extensive scientific evidence that the dominant cause of the rapid change in climate of the past half century is human-induced increases in the amount of atmospheric greenhouse gases, including carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>), chlorofluorocarbons, methane, and nitrous oxide. Is HiTest concerned about adding to climate change with its new and increase of greenhouse gases emissions silicon facilities? Why or why not? Let's not talk about the final product used in solar panels. Please focus on the huge carbon footprint that will be created in the extraction, processes, transport and chemical reaction in making the silicone only. Thank you.