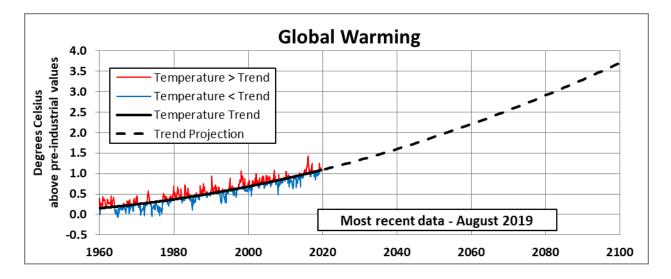
Global Warming Data, Trend and Projection Dr. Rich Ferguson, CEERT Updated September, 2019



Update Note -

The global temperature for August 2019 was 1.12°C above pre-industrial values making it tied for the second warmest August on record. August 2015 and 2017 had the same value while August 2016 was the warmest, an El Niño year. The August 2019 value also was higher than the trend value. El Niño conditions have ended with the El Niño index returning to the neutral range. El Niño neutral conditions are expected to persist through the Northern Hemisphere winter.

Data – Monthly global surface temperature anomaly data (red and blue lines) are monthly differences from the average temperature *for that month* during the years 1901-2000 and are available from <u>NOAA</u>. The red (blue) lines represent monthly temperatures warmer (cooler) than the trend. Note that **0.2** °C has been added to the NOAA values to account for the difference between the 20th century average and pre-industrial values.

Trend and Projection — The trend shown in the chart is a quadratic fit to the recorded monthly global temperatures since 1960 relative to pre-industrial values. The projection is the continuation of this curve into future times. Note that the projection will change as the trend changes in response to new data. Recent temperatures are more than half the 2.0 °C target limit established by the Paris agreement. Based on the current projection, global temperatures will be 1.5 °C above pre-industrial levels in 2036 and the Paris Agreement's +2.0 °C target

limit would be surpassed in 2053 (see chart.) The chart illustrates that some monthly temperatures will exceed the optimistic international limit of +1.5 degrees well before the *trend* reaches that level.