

# Trump Attacks on Environment

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1	Environment	1/24/2017 3/24/17	Keystone XL; Dakota Access pipelines . Mar 24: Trump grants approval for Keystone	Help traditional energy companies make money; deny climate change or action on it	26K jobs created; no impact on environment	. Keystone XL pipeline would only create 35 permanent jobs - the rest are temporary . Will allow use of highly polluting Alberta Tar Sands . Move away from clean energy
2	Environment	1/24/17	EPA scientists' work will face case-by-case vetting before it can be shared with the public. Memo said "EPA should not be funding scientific research"	Shut down staffers and scientists from communicating w/public	EPA has been radical with job-killing regulations	. Climate change denial . Reverse actions towards environmental protection . Dramatically reduce environmental regulations
3	Environment	1/25/17	Dept of Agriculture told to stop publishing scientific research; EPA ordered to purge any references to climate change from its website	Support Big Energy; deny climate change	Climate change is a hoax	. Skeptic towards science . No change towards lower fossil fuel consumption
4	Environment	1/25/17	Nominated Montana Rep Ryan Zinke for Interior secretary	End protection of public lands and endangered species	That Zinke would be balanced as Interior Secretary	. Endanger over 1,500 endangered species + over 500 million acres of US public lands . In Congress, Zinke voted against endangered species protections 100% of the time. . EG: Zinke sent out a Xmas card with a dead wolf and him holding a military rifle . He voted to turn control of public lands over to the states, lowering protection. . He introduced a bill to end Obama's coal-leasing moratorium. . He supports more oil and gas drilling on public lands. . And he's for stripping the president's authority to designate national monuments
5	Environment	1/26/17	. Nominated Oklahoma's Attorney General Scott Pruitt to head the EPA . Recommended slashing EPA funding by 2/3's. . Pruitt made public claim Mar 12 that carbon emissions have no impact on climate change, going completely against science	Gut the EPA	That regulations have killed business and need to be revoked	. Stop US efforts towards climate change . Move away from clean energy to full throttle on coal, dirty tar sands oil, etc . Restrict EPA from fighting these efforts . Without resources, the EPA cannot keep frackers from contaminating drinking water. Or protect kids from asbestos. Or clean up cancerous chemicals at Superfund sites. Big Polluters will have no one standing in their way

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6	Environment	1/30/17	Congressional bill (that Trump approves) to repeal the Cardin-Lugar Provision, which requires U.S. companies to disclose the payments they make to governments in order to extract natural resources, including those found on public lands.	Support Big Energy and mining companies		Exploitation of public lands; pollution
7	Environment	1/31/17	Executive Order disallowing new regulations unless two existing regulations are removed; no new regulation can have any cost impact (how measured?)	Kill gov't ability to protect public through normal regulation process; support wealthy that own businesses	Calling public safety regulations job killers and blaming declining working class jobs on regulation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. Gutting EPA and other regulatory agencies</li> <li>. Exposing Americans and world to climate change and other environmental disasters</li> <li>. Making America far less safe (CIA and NSA indicated climate as #1 US security issue)</li> <li>. Unintended externalities</li> </ul>
8	Environment	2/2/17	Supporting House Republicans bill to allow drilling in national parks. Grand Teton National Park, Everglades National Park, and Mesa Verde National Park, just to name three.	Drill baby drill	We need the energy more than we need to protect our national parks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. Risk of pollution and destruction in parks</li> <li>. More fossil fuels</li> </ul>
9	Environment	2/14/17	Revoking Obama protections for more than 100 million acres of the Arctic	Drill baby drill	We need the energy more than we need to protect this highly sensitive area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. Risk of pollution and destruction in Arctic</li> <li>. More fossil fuels</li> </ul>
10	Environment	3/16/17	The White House proposes slashing the EPA's budget by a 31% (\$2.6 billion from its current level of \$8.2 billion) and eliminating extensive EPA staff. Ceases payments to the United Nations' climate change programs for the Green Climate Fund and precursor funds. Stops funding for the Clean Power Plan.	Gut the EPA	That EPA regulatory efforts are bad for America	<p>Kill environmental protection; put risk and cost on taxpayers; corporate profit over everything. Examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. Eliminates the USDA Water and Wastewater loan and grant program, a reduction of \$498 million</li> <li>. Cuts \$250 million by zeroing out National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration grants and programs that support coastal and marine management, research and education</li> </ul>
11	Environment Others	2/27/17	New executive order that requires all federal agencies to, within two months, designate an agency official as its Regulatory Reform Officer (RRO).	Each RRO to implement regulatory reform initiatives and policies to eliminate regulations	Regulations are killing jobs and not helping to protect Americans and our planet	Big business to do what they want, make a mess, and leave it behind for the locals and taxpayers to clean up

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12	Environment	3/7/17	Trump to roll back stringent federal regulations on vehicle pollution that contributes to global warming.	Continued efforts to stomp out environmental protections and efforts to curb global warming	Global warming is a hoax and is unproven	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. Stop US efforts towards climate change</li> <li>. Move away from clean energy</li> </ul>
13	Environment	3/7/17	Direct EPA Director Pruitt to begin lengthy and legally complex process of dismantling the Clean Power Plan, Obama's rules to cut planet-warming pollution from coal-fired power plants.	Continued efforts to stomp out environmental protections and efforts to curb global warming	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. Global warming is a hoax and is unproven</li> <li>. CO2 is not a major contributor to global warming</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. Stop US efforts towards climate change</li> <li>. Move away from clean energy</li> </ul>
14	Environment	3/28/17	<p>Trump moves decisively to wipe out Obama's climate-change record w/a sweeping executive order</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. Seeks to lift a moratorium on federal coal leasing</li> <li>. Remove the requirement that federal officials consider the impact of climate change when making decisions.</li> <li>. Seeks to lift a moratorium on federal coal leasing</li> <li>. Seeks to remove the requirement that federal officials consider the impact of climate change when making decisions.</li> <li>. Telling the EPA to begin rewriting the 2015 regulation that limits greenhouse-gas emissions from existing power plants</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. Hand the EPA to the fossil fuel industry</li> <li>. End/reverse US efforts to change behavior that accounts for climate change</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. Coal and other energy jobs will be coming back</li> <li>. Obama's regulations "killed" US jobs</li> <li>. Climate change is unproven and based on fake science</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. Set the US back indefinitely in responding to climate change</li> <li>. Amplifying the impacts of climate change globally, including:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. Increase of extreme weather events and their impact</li> <li>. Increase of global draught and loss of arable land</li> <li>. Increase of desperation in nations first hit hard by climate change (Middle Eastern countries, low-lying countries, etc.)</li> <li>. Severe increase in threat to US national security (per US military's stated position)</li> </ul> </li> <li>. The EPA removed its climate science site the day before march on Washington. The website previously housed data on greenhouse gas emissions and reports on the effects of climate change and its impact on human health</li> </ul>
15	Environment	3/29/17	EPA chief Scott Pruitt rejected the agency's scientific conclusion to permanently ban one of the most widely used insecticides at farms nationwide.	Kill any regulation that might stop a corporation from maximizing profits	Regulations are killing jobs and not helping to protect Americans and our planet	The agency's own chemical safety experts said that exposure to chlorpyrifos potentially causes learning and memory declines. The insecticide was banned in 2000 for use in most household settings, but is still used at about 40,000 farms on about 50 different types of crops, ranging from almonds to apples.
16	Environment	4/6/17	The EPA moves to dismantle programs that protect kids from lead paint	Kill environmental regulations to allow business to make more money	Regulations are killing jobs and not helping to protect Americans and our planet	The proposed cuts would roll back programs aimed at reducing lead risks by \$16.61 million and more than 70 employees. 38 million U.S. homes contain lead-based paint

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17	Environment	4/10/17	Trump prepares order to expand offshore oil drilling, reversing an Obama-era policy that restricting the activity	Drill baby drill	Climate change is a hoax	The order is set to schedule the sale of new offshore oil and natural gas rights in US Atlantic and Arctic waters. The order is also expected to revoke former Obama's decision to indefinitely withdraw most US Arctic waters and some Atlantic Ocean acreage from future leasing
18	Environment	4/14/17	Scott Pruitt called for an "exit" from the Paris climate agreement	Drill baby drill	Climate change is a hoax	It's the first time a high-ranking official has explicitly disavowed the agreement endorsed by nearly 200 countries to fight climate change. It would takes three years under the accord's terms for a party to withdraw, followed by a one-year waiting period — about the same length as Trump's first term in office
19	Environment	4/29/17	Trump ordered federal officials to review two decades of national monument designations	Make all public lands available for resource extraction and corporate profits	Calling national monument designations "another egregious abuse of federal power."	Gutting the environment to make the rich richer
20	Environment	5/5/17	The EPA dismissed half of its scientific advisers on a review board, which provides guidance on whether research has sufficient rigor and integrity	Remove scientific input to environmental policies	Science is fake news	Gutting the environment to make the rich richer
21	Environment	5/12/17	The EPA may allow a massive gold and copper mine at the headwaters of one of Alaska's salmon fisheries.	Allow a Canadian-owned company to seek a federal permit to build a mine near Bristol Bay.	Regulations are too restrictive and the mine won't do any harm	In 2014, the EPA released a study that concluded large-scale mining in the bay posed significant risk to salmon and could adversely affect Alaska Natives in the region.
22	Environment	6/1/17	Trump pulled the US from the Paris climate accord	Stick his thumb in the eyes of his opposition	That the Paris agreement would "punish" Americans by instituting "onerous energy restrictions" that stymie economic growth	Leaders around the world said the exit from the accord is an irresponsible abdication of American leadership. The US is the world's #2 greenhouse-gas producer, and would have accounted for 21% of the total emissions reduced by the accord through 2030.
23	Environment	6/15/17	The Energy Department closed its office working on climate change abroad	Deny climate change and stop all efforts around it	Climate change is a hoax	The office was formed in 2010 to help the United States provide technical advice to other nations seeking to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

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24	Environment	6/20/17	The EPA plans to buy out more than 1,200 employees this summer	Part of a push by the administration to shrink the agency Trump once promised to eliminate "in almost every form."	Regulations aren't needed and are killing jobs	It would be about an 8% reduction of the current 15,000-person EPA workforce. The administration has also proposed a 31% cut to the EPA budget.
25	Environment	6/28/17	The EPA, the Army, and the US Army Corps of Engineers are proposing a new rule to rollback Obama's Waters of the United States	Scott Pruitt's EPA has prioritized the economic concerns of industry and agricultural interests over environmental concerns	Regulations aren't needed and are killing jobs	Pollution, degradation, etc.
26	Environment	6/30/17	Scott Pruitt is launching an initiative to "critique" climate science at the EPA	Deny climate change and stop all efforts around it	Regulations aren't needed and are killing jobs	Climate disaster