

The Trump Record: A Betrayal of Public Health & Environmental Protection

EDF and EDF Action have spent the last two years defending decades of environmental progress against a historically unprecedented assault by the Trump administration. This is a partial list of the areas where the administration has attempted to undermine public health protections.

Overall: Broadly attacking environmental safeguards

Climate – Withdrawing from Paris climate agreement, leaving the United States isolated in the world.

Climate – Suppressing science, removing climate data from government websites, appointing climate skeptics.

Climate – Attacking federal clean cars standards, which will lead to billions of tons of additional carbon pollution.

Climate – Attacking well-established state authority to carry out strong clean car standards, a long-standing driver of progress in addressing pollution from cars and trucks.

Climate – Attacking the Clean Power Plan and other climate pollution limits for power plants.

Climate – Seeking to undermine climate science and the national security community's assessment of the danger to military bases, troops, and readiness.

Climate – The president's rhetoric doubting climate science and impacts.

Climate – Gutting oil and gas pollution standards.

Climate – Trying to delay standards to reduce methane pollution from landfills.

Clean Air – Seeking to undermine the foundation of the Mercury and Air Toxics Standards, which save more than 10,000 lives a year.

Clean Air – Creating a toxics loophole, that will allow industrial facilities to increase their emissions of toxic air pollutants like benzene, lead, and mercury.

Clean Air – Attacking pollution limits for super-polluting heavy-duty diesel freight trucks.

Clean Air – Undermining good neighbor protections (downwind areas hurt by smog).

Clean Air – Attempting to undermine expert review and implementation of ozone standards.

Clean Air – Attacking protections that require large industrial sources to install modern pollution controls when they are expanding operations and increasing pollution levels.

Clean Air – Dramatically reducing environmental enforcement by EPA.

Science – Broadly attacking science on air quality standards, including for soot & smog.

Science – Installing industry insiders to lead science boards.

Science – Seeking to restrict EPA's ability to rely on the best available science when setting standards to protect human health and the environment.

Community Safety – [Proposing loopholes](#) in long-standing protections under the National Environmental Policy Act that would put communities at risk and worsen climate change.

Open Government – [Advancing limits](#) on public input to EPA’s internal Environmental Appeals Board, a key forum for communities to seek review of EPA decisions.

Health – Illegal and dramatically [imbalanced](#) implementation of the new [TSCA](#) law, allowing chemical industry insiders to write rules, approving potentially dangerous chemicals for the market.

Health – Suppressing important health studies on chemicals like [formaldehyde](#).

Health – Proposing a [weak](#) lead action plan without clear goals, funding, or deadlines.

Fisheries – [Illegally extending](#) the private recreational fishing season for Gulf of Mexico red snapper without proper scientific analysis, causing fishing to exceed catch limits and further delay to the stock’s recovery.

Wildlife – [Undermining](#) a historic 2015 agreement between 10 states and the federal government to protect Greater Sage-Grouse and keep the bird off of the Endangered Species list.

Wildlife – Eliminating [compensatory mitigation](#) at the Bureau of Land Management, a critical tool that actually provides for economic growth and protection of the environment and species.

Wildlife – Continuing to propose [budgets that slash funding](#) for the Fish and Wildlife Service and National Marine Fisheries Service.

Conservation – Continuing to propose budgets that [slash funding](#) for the US Department of Agriculture conservation programs that improve soil health and water quality in critical watersheds across the country.

EPA Budget – Repeatedly recommending nearly 1/3rd cuts to EPA’s budget, which would eviscerate the agency’s ability to protect public health.

Lobbyist Influence – Appointing industry lobbyists and industry insiders to key positions, including head of EPA and Secretary of the Interior.

Secrecy – Operating without transparency including suppressing previously public materials like key analytic models and senior officials’ calendars.