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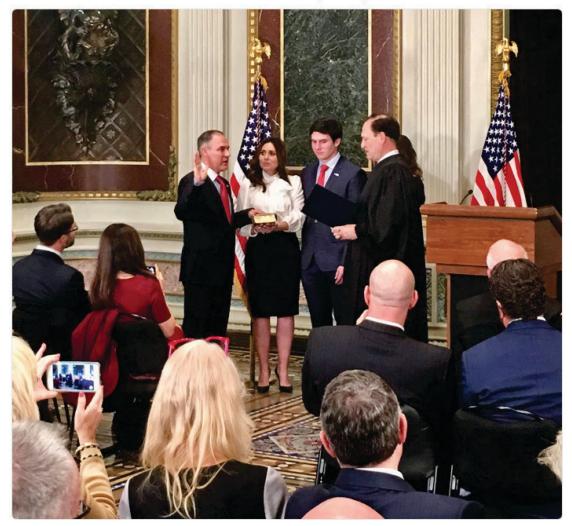
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E. Scott Pruitt Attorney General

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February 17, 2017

The Honorable Mary Fallin Governor, State of Oklahoma 212 State Capitol Building Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105

Dear Governor Fallin:

It is with great solemnity that I write to you regarding my resignation as Oklahoma's Attorney General effective upon my appointment and swearing in as the Administrator of the United States Environmental Protection Agency.

It has been a great honor to serve the people of Oklahoma. During my tenure as Attorney General the State has faced many challenges. Yet despite these challenges, we have remained committed to preserving the rule of law and representing the interests of our State and its citizens. I have now been invited to continue this mission on behalf of all Americans, and while I am nostalgic about my time as Attorney General, I am eager to accomplish these same goals on a national scale.

I take great pride in the accomplishments made by the dedicated staff of the attorney General's Office in the last six years, and I am confident that these successes will continue after my departure. Thank you for your continued support and encouragement, may God bless both you and the great State of Oklahoma.

Sincerely,

E. Scott Pruitt Oklahoma Attorney General

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News Releases from Headquarters > Office of the Administrator (AO) Scott Pruitt Confirmed and Sworn in as EPA Administrator

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WASHINGTON--Today, Oklahoma Attorney General Scott Pruitt was confirmed and sworn in as the 14th administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Administrator Pruitt was sworn in by Supreme Court Justice Samuel Alito at 5:40pm this evening and subsequently resigned as Attorney General of Oklahoma.

Administrator Pruitt believes promoting and protecting a strong and healthy environment is one of the lifeblood priorities of the government, and EPA is a vital part of that mission.

Pruitt became a national leader through a career of advocating to keep power in the hands of hardworking Americans. He has a proven record of working with industry, farmers, ranchers, landowners, small business owners and others to protect our natural resources.

As a dedicated civil servant, Pruitt created policies that serve the people. He strongly believes environmental law, policy, and progress are all based on cooperation among the states, cooperation between the states and EPA, and cooperation between regulators and the public.

As Administrator, Mr. Pruitt will lead EPA in a way that our future generations inherit a better and healthier environment while advancing America's economic interests. He is committed to working with the thousands of dedicated public servants at EPA who have devoted their careers to helping realize this shared vision, while faithfully administering environmental laws.

Most recently, Administrator Pruitt served as the Attorney General for Oklahoma. He worked with his Democratic counterpart in Arkansas to reach agreement to study the water quality of the Illinois River that crosses between the two states and has been enjoyed by generations of Oklahomans and Arkansans. The Statement of Joint Principles provided for a best science study using EPA-approved methods, with both states agreeing, for the first time, to be bound by the outcome.

During his tenure as Oklahoma's Attorney General, Mr. Pruitt led an historic water rights settlement between the State of Oklahoma, Oklahoma City and the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations that preserved the ecosystems of scenic lakes and rivers on native lands. The agreement, which required Congressional approval, was signed into law on December 2016.

The Law provides a framework that fosters intergovernmental collaboration on significant water resource concerns while protecting existing water rights and affirming the state's role in water rights permitting and administration. Water settlement cases can be lengthy, costly, divisive and disruptive, however under Pruitt's forward thinking leadership the process was hailed by all parties as one of commitment, hard work, perseverance and cooperation.

As Attorney General for Oklahoma, he also led the State's legal challenges against property rights intrusion while protecting Oklahoma's natural resources and environment.

Administrator Pruitt is recognized as a national leader in the cause to restore the proper balance between the States and federal government, and established common sense regulations that are fair and provide relief where needed. Before being elected attorney general, he served eight years in the Oklahoma State Senate where he was a leading voice for fiscal responsibility.

After earning his Bachelor's Degree from Georgetown College and graduating from the University of Tulsa law school, Pruitt went into private legal practice, specializing in Constitutional Law.

In addition to his life as a civil servant, Administrator Pruitt is a successful entrepreneur. As a co-owner and managing general partner of Oklahoma City's Triple-A minor league baseball affiliate, the Oklahoma City RedHawks, Mr. Pruitt took over the team's marketing operations and helped the team become one of the league's leaders in attendance and merchandise sales.

Scott Pruitt is, first and foremost, a family man. Scott and Marlyn, his wife of 26 years, proudly raised their daughter, McKenna, and son, Cade, in Tulsa. Scott has made it a priority to pass on to his children the same principled, family values with which he was raised.

To see Administrator Pruitt's biography, visit: https://www.epa.gov/aboutepa/epas-administrator

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Scott Pruitt's Back-to-Basics Agenda for the EPA

Potomac Watch columnist Kimberley A. Strassel interviews Scott Pruitt, the recently confirmed administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency. He plans to follow his statutory mandate-clean air and water-and to respect ...

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On "This Week," I previewed how President Trump will put forward a plan to cut jobkilling regulations.



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President Trump is going after burdensome regulations. I explained how on "This Week."

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EPA Administrator Pruitt Previews President Trump's Executive Order on Energy Independence

"We have made tremendous progress on our environment, we can be both pro-jobs and pro-environment."

03/26/2017

Contact Information: U.S. EPA Media Relations (press@epa.gov)

WASHINGTON – During an interview on "This Week with George Stephanopoulos," U.S. EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt previewed the President's upcoming executive order on the American Energy Independence. Administrator Pruitt laid out the core message of the pending action, saying that job growth and a healthy environment aren't at odds.

"George, the President is keeping his promise to the American people this week with respect to the Executive Order coming down on Tuesday--. the Energy Independence Executive Order. We need a pro-growth and pro-environment approach for how we do regulations in this country. For too long, we have accepted a narrative that if you're pro-growth, pro-jobs, you're anti-environment. That's not where we have been as a country. We have made tremendous progress on our environment, we can be both pro-jobs and pro-environment. The Executive Order will address the past administration's effort to kill jobs throughout the country through the Clean Power Plan."

Watch the interview here: http://abcnews.go.com/topics/news/whitehouse/scott-pruitt.htm

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Remarks by President Trump at Signing of Executive Order to Create Energy Independence

Environmental Protection Agency Headquarters Washington, D.C.

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THE PRESIDENT: Thank you. (Applause.) Thank you very much. I guess they like what we're about to sign. I knew they were going to like this one. Well, thank you very much. I very much appreciate it. And thank you to our great Vice President, Mike Pence.

I'm thrilled that everybody could be here with us today. I want to give special thanks to Administrator Scott Pruitt, Secretary Ryan Zinke, and Secretary Rick Perry for your remarks. I told Rick, I said, run it the way you ran Texas -- because this is going to be a great operation. And he did a great job, and we're honored to have all three. And I'm really honored to have our Vice President, because Mike Pence has been outstanding. Hasn't he been outstanding? (Applause.)

Together, this group is going to do a truly great job for our country. We have a very, very impressive group here to celebrate the start of a new era in American energy and production and job creation. The action I'm taking today will eliminate federal overreach, restore economic freedom, and allow our companies

and our workers to thrive, compete, and succeed on a level playing field for the first time in a long time, fellas. It's been a long time. I'm not just talking about eight years; we're talking about a lot longer than eight years. You people know it maybe better than anybody.

Thanks, as well, to the many distinguished members of Congress who have taken the time to be here. I want to thank all of our industry leaders who are with us and who share our determination to create jobs in America, for Americans. And, Shelley, thank you very much also. I spotted you in the audience. Thank you.

That is what this is all about: bringing back our jobs, bringing back our dreams -- and making America wealthy again.

I also want to thank the dedicated public servants who are with us this afternoon. You're doing important work to protect our health and public resources. So important.

Finally, I want to acknowledge the truly amazing people behind me on this stage: our incredible coal miners. (Applause.) We love our coal miners. Great people. Over the past two years, I've spent time with the miners all over America. They told me about the struggles they've endured. I actually, in one case, I went to a group of miners in West Virginia -- you remember, Shelley -- and I said, how about this: Why don't we get together, we'll go to another place, and you'll get another job; you won't mine anymore. Do you like that idea? They said, no, we don't like that idea -- we love to mine, that's what we want to do. I said, if that's what you want to do, that's what you're going to do.

And I was very impressed. They love the job. That's what their job is. I fully understand that. I grew up in a real estate family, and until this recent little excursion into the world of politics, I could never understand anybody who would not want to be in the world of real estate. (Laughter.) Believe me. So I understand it. And we're with you 100 percent, and that's what you're going to do. Okay? (Applause.)

The miners told me about the attacks on their jobs and their livelihoods. They told me about the efforts to shut down their mines, their communities, and their very way of life. I made them this promise: We will put our miners back to work. (Applause.) We've already eliminated a devastating anti-coal regulation -- but that was just the beginning.

Today, I'm taking bold action to follow through on that promise. My administration is putting an end to the war on coal. We're going to have clean coal -- really clean coal. With today's executive action, I am taking historic steps to lift the restrictions on American energy, to reverse government intrusion, and to cancel job-killing regulations. (Applause.) And, by the way, regulations not only in this industry, but in every industry. We're doing them by the thousands, every industry. And we're going to have safety, we're going to have clean water, we're going to have clear air. But so many are unnecessary, and so many are job killing. We're getting rid of the bad ones.

One after another, we're keeping our promises and putting power back into the hands of the people. First, today's energy independence action calls for an immediate reevaluation of the so-called Clean Power Plan. (Applause.) Perhaps no single regulation threatens our miners, energy workers, and companies more than this crushing attack on American industry.

Second, we are lifting the ban on federal leasing for coal production.

Third, we are lifting job-killing restrictions on the production of oil, natural gas, clean coal, and shale energy.

And finally, we are returning power to the states -- where that power belongs. States and local communities know what is best for them. They understand it. They get it. They've been doing it for a long time. It was taken away from them, and not handled well -- and they are the ones that we should now, and will now, empower to decide.

My action today is the latest in a series of steps to create American jobs and to grow American wealth. We're ending the theft of American prosperity, and rebuilding our beloved country. We approved the permit to finally build the Keystone XL pipeline, and cleared the way to completion of the Dakota Access pipeline -- thousands and thousands of jobs. (Applause.)

We've already created a half a million new jobs in the first two jobs reports of my administration. And if you noticed today, Ford -- great company -- announced massive new spending on three big plants in the state of Michigan -- a state which I love very much. Do you remember what happened in Michigan? Remember, November 8th. Oh, that was an exciting Michigan evening. And Ford just made that announcement. That's a great announcement. It's a very important announcement. It means jobs, jobs, jobs.

We are going to continue to expand energy production, and we will also create more jobs in infrastructure, trucking, and manufacturing. This will allow the EPA to focus on its primary mission of protecting our air and protecting our water. Together, we are going to start a new energy revolution -- one that celebrates American production on American soil.

We want to make our goods here instead of shipping them in from other countries. All over the world, they ship in, ship in -- take the Americans' money, take the money, go home; take our jobs, take our companies. No longer, folks. No longer. We believe in those really magnificent words: Made in the USA. (Applause.) Right, fellas?

We will unlock job-producing natural gas, oil, and shale energy. We will produce American coal to power American industry. We will transport American energy through American pipelines, made with American steel. Made with American steel. Can you believe somebody would actually say that? (Applause.)

This came up a little bit coincidentally when I was signing the pipelines deals. I'm all signing, I've got them done. And I said, folks, where do we get the steel? And they said, I think it's from foreign lands. And I said, no good. Who makes it? Who makes those beautiful pipes for the pipeline? Sir, they're made outside of this country. I said, no more, no more. So we added a little clause -- didn't take much -- that you want to build pipelines in this country? You're going to buy your steel, and you're going to have it fabricated here. Makes sense, right? Doesn't it make sense, Bob? Think so. He knows. (Applause.)

Together, we will create millions of good American jobs -- also, so many energy jobs -- and really lead to unbelievable prosperity all throughout our country. And Rick Perry is going to have a lot to do with that.

I want to just thank everybody in this room. You're all very special people. In particular, I want to thank the miners. You know, my guys, they'll get enough thanks. These people haven't had enough thanks. They've had a hard time for a long time. (Applause.) They're tough-looking guys, too. I'll tell you what -not going to mess around with this group, right?

All right. Thank you, fellas. I made my promise and I keep my promise.

So I want to thank everybody in the room. God bless you, and God bless America. Thank you very much. Thank you. (Applause.)

THE PRESIDENT: Come on, fellas. Basically, you know what this is? You know what it says, right? You're going back to work.

PARTICIPANT: Good. (Applause.)

THE PRESIDENT: You're going back to work.

Ready?

PARTICIPANT: We're ready.

THE PRESIDENT: Okay. (Applause.)

(The executive order is signed.)

Come on. What about a miner? One of the miners -- who's the miner back there? Only a miner. (Laughter.) Come on, fellas. You split it up. Cut it in -- (laughter) -- come on, where's Ryan? Where's Ryan? Okay, Rick, you'll split that up with Ryan.

I want to thank everybody very much. This is a great honor today. Very special, special people. And you're going to see a lot of progress. And Shelley, thank you very much. You have been fantastic. Really fantastic. Appreciate it. Thank you. (Applause.)

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President Trump's Energy Independence Policy



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"I am going to lift the restrictions on American energy, and allow this wealth to pour into our communities." – Donald J. Trump

MUCH NEEDED REFORM: The past Administration burdened Americans with costly regulations that harmed American jobs and energy production.

- The previous Administration's Clean Power Plan could cost up to \$39 billion a year and increase electricity prices in 41 States by at least ten percent, according to NERA Economic Consulting.
- The Clean Power Plan would cause coal production to fall by 242 million tons, according to the National Mining Association.
- 27 states, 24 trade associations, 37 rural electric co-ops, and 3 labor unions are challenging the Clean Power Plan in Federal court.

AMERICAN ENERGY INDEPENDENCE: President Donald J. Trump's Energy Independence Policy Executive Order reverses the regulations on American jobs and energy production.

- President Trump's Executive Order directs the Environmental Protection Agency to suspend, revise, or rescind four actions related to the Clean Power Plan that would stifle the American energy industry.
 - President Trump's Executive Order directs the Attorney General to seek appropriate relief from the courts over pending litigation related to the Clean Power Plan.
- President Trump's Executive Order rescinds Executive and Agency actions centered on the previous administration's climate change agenda that have acted as a road block to energy independence.
 - President Trump's Executive Order lifts the ban on Federal leasing for coal production.
 - President Trump's Executive Order lifts job-killing restrictions on the production of oil, natural gas, and shale energy.

- President Trump's Executive Order directs all agencies to conduct a review of existing actions that harm domestic energy production and suspend, revise, or rescind actions that are not mandated by law.
 - Within 180 days, agencies must finalize their plans.
- President Trump' Executive Order directs agencies to use the best available science and economics in regulatory analysis, which was not utilized by the previous administration.
 - It disbands the Interagency Working Group (IWG) on the Social Cost of Greenhouse Gases.
- By revisiting the federal overreach on energy regulation, President Trump is returning power to the states where it belongs.

FREEING AMERICA'S POTENTIAL: President Trump has worked tirelessly to free American industry and ingenuity from the constraints of Government overreach.

- President Trump has signed four pieces of legislation to clear burdensome and costly regulations on energy production from the previous Administration.
- President Trump has required that for every new Federal regulation, two existing regulations be eliminated.
- President Trump has directed each agency to establish a Regulatory Reform Task Force to identify costly and unnecessary regulations in need of modification or repeal.
- President Trump has directed the Department of Commerce to streamline Federal permitting processes for domestic manufacturing and to reduce regulatory burdens on domestic manufacturers.
- President Trump signed legislation, House Joint Resolution 38, to prevent the burdensome "Stream Protection Rule" from causing further harm to the coal industry.
- President Trump ordered the review of the "Clean Water Rule: Definition of Waters of the United States," known as the WOTUS rule, to evaluate whether it is stifling economic growth or job creation.
- President Trump signed a Presidential Memorandum and gave a Presidential permit to clear roadblocks to construct the Keystone XL Pipeline.
- President Trump signed a Presidential Memorandum declaring that the Dakota Access Pipeline serves the national interest and initiating the process to complete its construction.

FULFILLING HIS PROMISE: By taking action on the Clean Power Plan, President Trump is fulfilling his promise to the American people.

• As a candidate, Mr. Trump promised "we will eliminate... the Clean Power Plan—these unilateral plans will increase monthly electric bills by double-digits without any measurable improvement in the climate."





U.S. EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt S added 4 new photos. March 29 · 🚱

It was an honor to have coal miners from Pennsylvania come to U.S. Environmental Protection Agency headquarters in Washington, D.C. to witness President Donald J. Trump sign the Executive Order on Promoting Energy Independence and Economic Growth.



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EPA Administrator Sends Clean Power Plan Guidance Letter to Governors

States have no obligation to spend resources to comply with a Rule that has been stayed by the Supreme Court of the United States

03/30/2017

Contact Information: U.S. EPA Media Relations (press@epa.gov)

WASHINGTON - Fulfilling his promise of cooperative federalism and acting on President Trump's Energy Independence Executive Order, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Scott Pruitt sent letters to state governors advising them that they are under no obligation to adhere to the Clean Power Plan (CPP) rule.

"The days of coercive federalism are over," the letter reads. "Accordingly, I look forward to working with you, your state experts and local communities as we develop a path forward to improve our environment and bolster the economy in a manner that is respectful of and consistent with the rule of law."

Link to the letter: https://www.epa.gov/newsroom/guidance-letter-re-clean-power-plan-epa-administrator-governors-march-30-2017

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UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY



WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

THE ADMINISTRATOR

March 30, 2017

The Honorable Matt Bevin Governor of Kentucky 700 Capitol Avenue Suite 100 Frankfort, Kentucky 40601

Dear Governor Bevin:

On February 9, 2016, the Supreme Court of the United States stayed implementation of the Clean Power Plan (CPP) effectively "suspend[ing] administrative alteration of the status quo." *Nken v. Holder*, 556 U.S. 418, 428 n.1 (2009). Further, pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act, the Supreme Court has authority to "issue all necessary and appropriate process to postpone the effective date of an agency action or to preserve status or rights pending conclusion of the review proceedings." 5 U.S.C. § 705.

Under that precedent, States and other interested parties have neither been required nor expected to work towards meeting the compliance dates set in the CPP. It is the policy of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) that States have no obligation to spend resources to comply with a Rule that has been stayed by the Supreme Court of the United States. To the extent any deadlines become relevant in the future, case law and past practice of the EPA supports the application of day-to-day tolling.

The days of coercive federalism are over. Accordingly, I look forward to working with you, your state experts and local communities as we develop a path forward to improve our environment and bolster the economy in a manner that is respectful of and consistent with the rule of law.

Respectf E. Scott Pruitt





In an important step for cooperative federalism, I clarified state obligations under the Clean Power Plan:



EPA's Pruitt to governors: 'The days of coercive federalism are over' EPA head told states they don't have to comply with the Clean Power Plan. washingtonexaminer.com

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Yesterday U.S. EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt sent letters to state governors advising them they do not have to adhere to the Clean Power Plan. This action supports the president's executive order and fulfills the administrator's promise to restore cooperative federalism.

EPA Administrator Sends Clean Power Plan Guidance Letter to Governors

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Scott Pruitt sent letters to state governors advising them that they are under no obligation to adhere to the Clean Power Plan (CPP) rule.

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U.S. EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt March 31 · 🛞

I took the first step under President Trump's Executive Order on Energy Independence and informed states that they have no legal obligations under the Clean Power Plan, which has been paused by the Supreme Court for over a year. I look forward to a productive and cooperative partnership with them as we develop a path forward to improve our environment and bolster the economy.



EPA's Pruitt to governors: 'The days of coercive federalism are over'

Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Scott Pruitt assured states on Thursday that they do not have to comply with any part of the Obama-era climate...

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High Accolades Across the Country on Trump's Energy Independence Executive Order

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In Kansas, Senator Pat Roberts said Trump's executive order was good news for energy consumers. As the <u>Kansas City Star</u> reports: "Sen. Pat Roberts, a Kansas Republican, also applauded Trump's decision 'to roll back burdensome Obama-era regulations,' calling the announcement 'good news for energy consumers and the economy.""

In Kentucky, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell penned an op-ed in <u>Fox News</u> praising President Trump's energy executive order that will restore sanity after Obama's failed climate policies. "I commend President Trump for sending this flawed regulatory plan, along with a number of others, back to the drawing board with Tuesday's Energy Independence Executive Order."

In Missouri, the <u>Kansas City Star</u> reports that Senator Roy Blunt blamed job-killing regulations for higher energy prices. "Blunt, who blamed environmental regulations for increases in utility bills, said that the order 'is an important step toward protecting low and middle-income Americans who can least afford higher costs on everything from gas to groceries."

In Montana, the <u>Great Falls Tribune</u> reports that the Montana Public Service Commission praised President Trump's executive order that rolls back job-killing regulations. "The five Republican members of the Montana Public Service Commission issued a joint statement praising Trump's executive order to roll back what they described as burdensome environmental regulations that restrict domestic energy production and raise rates for utility customers."

In New York, the editorial board at the <u>New York Post</u> writes that Trump's executive order will help restore our constitutional system. "Trump's move not only helps the economy and delivers on a promise, it also takes a step toward restoring America's constitutional system, in which Congress passes laws — not a dictatorial president."

In North Dakota, the <u>Bismarck Tribune</u> reports that North Dakotans praised the measure. North Dakota's coal industry applauded an executive order starting a roll back of climate regulation signed by President Donald Trump on Tuesday. Lignite Energy Council President Jason Bohrer said the order's energy independence focus "will help preserve, protect and enhance the lignite coal industry, as well as strengthen research and development efforts to develop an abundant supply of electricity for American businesses and families."

In Ohio, the Ohio Coal Association penned an op-ed in the <u>Troy Daily News</u> stating Trump's plan will save coal communities in Ohio. "Ohio's coal communities saw the CPP for exactly what it was: a thinly-veiled assault on their livelihood — and one that would cripple an already reeling industry while providing little environmental benefit. Fortunately, the Trump administration has done just what it promised. By executive order, President Trump has axed the CPP along with another vestige of the Obama administration's anti-coal policy, the moratorium on all new leases of federal coal reserves."

In Texas, the <u>Texas Tribune</u> reports that AG Ken Paxton said Trump's decision could result in lower energy prices. "President Trump's executive order is a significant step toward sparing all of us from a potentially disastrous change to the nation's energy policy that was orchestrated during the Obama era in violation of federal law,' [Attorney General Ken] Paxton said in a statement Tuesday. 'The so-called Clean Power Plan would have subjected Americans to higher electricity costs and could have weakened the nation's power grid.'"

In Utah, the <u>Deseret News</u> reports that Governor Herbert praised Trump's decision that will help his state. "Utah Gov. Gary Herbert called the executive order a step in the right direction. 'Utah and many public land and energy producing states think that the Clean Power Plan was a significant overreach. It was really designed to kill off carbon-based fuels and particularly coal,' he said. 'The standards that they were trying to put in place, there is not even technology that allows you to meet those standards.'"

In Wisconsin, Brett Healy penned an op-ed in the Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel where he shared how damaging the Clean Power Plan

would've been for families across the Badger State. "President Donald Trump's executive order instructing the Environmental Protection Agency to begin the process to repeal the Obama administration's Clean Power Plan, a slate of anti-coal regulations, is a welcome respite for Wisconsin and the nation. ... Closer to home, a MacIver Institute and Beacon Hill study found that the plan would have increased the average electricity price in Wisconsin by 19%, forced the average household electric bill to jump \$225 a year and cost our industrial manufacturers an astonishing \$105,094 more per year if implemented."

In West Virginia, the <u>Wheeling-News Register</u> reports that leaders across the state rejoiced over the reversal of the Clean Power Plan. "If left in place, these regulations would have little positive impact on our climate while continuing to decimate West Virginia's economy," U.S. Rep. David McKinley, R-W.Va., said. "The president's action will provide relief to coal communities that have been under a bureaucratic assault from Washington over the last eight years. The nightmare of the war on coal is now officially over."

In Wyoming, the <u>Associated Press</u> reports that President Trump's executive order on Tuesday has electrified workers. "So when President Donald Trump lifted a federal coal leasing moratorium and ordered a review of greenhouse gas regulations, the announcement electrified many workers here who depend on fossil fuels for their livelihood. After years of layoffs and corporate bankruptcies, they are optimistic that jobs and a better economy will soon return."

Finally, the <u>Casper Star-Tribune</u> reports that President Trump's pro-energy initiatives are helping the state. "Three months into Trump's term, he continues to please coal country. On Tuesday, the president asked the EPA to review and perhaps replace the controversial Clean Power Plan, which many locally thought could deal a death blow to the industry. He also overturned a controversial moratorium on coal leases."

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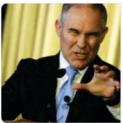


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From meeting with Florida Governor Rick Scott, signing a proposed rule that will let North Dakota regulate CO2 storage and reaffirming his commitment to cleaning-up Superfund sites, it was a successful week at EPA. Below is a recap of all of the good news from an EPA that is protecting the environment and American jobs.

National Stories ...

<u>The New York Times</u> reports one of EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt's top priorities is to clean up toxic Superfund sites. "Scott Pruitt has directed his regional chiefs to elevate Superfund cleanup efforts to what he describes as their rightful place as the agency's core mission. 'I am making it a priority to ensure contaminated sites get cleaned up. We will be more hands-on to ensure proper oversight and attention to the Superfund program at the highest levels of the agency, and to create consistency across states, 'Pruitt said."

<u>The Washington Examiner</u> reports that Pruitt is working with local leaders to clean-up the East Chicago Superfund site. "Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Scott Pruitt on Friday joined Democrats and Republicans to reaffirm the agency's commitment to communities outside of Chicago hit by high levels of lead contamination. Pruitt had visited the Indiana city of East Chicago last month affected by contamination from a closed lead production facility owned by the firm U.S. Steel that had been designated a Superfund cleanup site by the agency in 2009."

The Washington Times reports Pruitt said that Barack Obama was no 'environmental savior.' *"Mr. Pruitt said the past administration talked a good game on the environment, but has little in the way of concrete accomplishments. He pointed to the environmental disaster in Flint, Michigan, and the Gold King Mine spill, both of which led to widespread water contamination. He also said the administration's attempts to rein in carbon emissions were blocked by federal courts, as were other high-profile regulations. At the same time, Mr. Pruitt charged, much of the country remained in non-compliance with federal ozone standards, and the number of Superfund sites — areas contaminated by hazardous waste and identified for federal clean-up efforts — increased during Mr. Obama's tenure."*

<u>The Hill</u> reports that Pruitt was highly critical of the previous administration. "Pruitt was also highly critical of his predecessor, naming similar environmental problems over the last eight years. 'What's so great about that record,' he asked North Dakota conservative radio host Rob Port, after listing similar statistics about air quality, Superfund and the Flint and Gold King disasters. 'I don't quite understand the environmental left when they say that somehow, what the past administration, what was done, was so great.'"

<u>The Daily Caller</u> reports that Pruitt said he sued the previous administration because they exceeded their statutory authority. *"Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Scott Pruitt said he sued the agency he heads so many times while Oklahoma attorney general because 'they exceeded their statutory authority.' 'They deserved it and they deserved it because they exceeded their statutory authority.' "*

Additionally, the <u>Daily Caller</u> notes that after the Flint water crisis, the previous administration does not deserve the plaudits it has received. "Pruitt said the former administration does not deserve the plaudits it has received, especially after the EPA's failure to fix Flint's water system."

<u>On Hugh Hewitt</u>, Pruitt set the record straight about false information being circulated about the EPA's Board of Scientific Counselors. "The board of scientific counselors that we have at the EPA, they serve three year terms. And so those are reviewed every three years. Those same individuals can apply through the competitive process. … There was no firing that took place. These individuals can apply, will apply, I'm sure, in some instances, and very well could be put back on the board. But it's the right thing to do to ensure transparency, its activity, peer-reviewed science and geographical representation on the board."

<u>Need to Know Network</u> reports that Pruitt said that Obama's administration used the authority of Washington to walk over the states. "Pruitt said during the interview that the Obama administration used the authority of Washington to walk over the states, and looked at states as mere vessels of federal will. ... Pruitt went on to say that the EPA has restored a focus on "cooperative federalism" and working with the states."

To The States ...

The <u>Tampa Bay Times</u> reports that Pruitt met with Florida Governor Rick Scott to talk about water issues. "[Governor Rick] Scott popped in for a visit with EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt to talk water issues."

The <u>Bismarck Tribune</u> reports that the EPA signed a proposed rule that will let North Dakota regulate CO2 storage wells. "*Tuesday* marked a new day for North Dakota's ability to regulate storage of carbon dioxide gas, an important part of a cleaner coal future. The federal Environmental Protection Agency took a first step toward giving the state primary authority to regulate federal Class VI wells for injecting CO2 into deep underground pore space for either long-term storage or for store-and-sell in enhanced oil recovery."

The <u>Fargo Forum</u> reports Pruitt promised a friendlier, more cooperative relationship with states. "If you go back to the inception of the agency...Congress has been very insistent in saying the states have a role,' EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt told me during an interview on my radio show today. 'The past administration simply disregarded that,' he continued."

The <u>Grand Forks Herald</u> reports that all of sudden North Dakota and the EPA are getting along. "Under the Trump administration, there has been a big shift in our state's relationship with that federal agency. 'The days of coercive federalism are over,' new EPA head Scott Pruitt said earlier this year in a letter to Governor Doug Burgum."

The <u>Minot Daily News</u> reports that North Dakota Governor Doug Burgum said EPA Administrator Pruitt will have the biggest single impact on his state. "Gov. Doug Burgum said he thinks the biggest change for North Dakota as a result of the Trump administration is the president's new team, in particular, two of its members. Burgum said he feels Scott Pruitt, the new administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, will have the biggest single impact on North Dakota."

Ozark News reports that Pruitt slammed the brakes on a pesticide rule from the Obama Administration. "Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Scott Pruitt has announced a 12-month delay for the implementation of the Certification and Training of Pesticide Applicators rule. Pruitt says the new extension will enable EPA to work with states and provide adequate compliance and training resources, after the group received feedback from states and stakeholders that more time and resources were needed to prepare for compliance with the rule."

Oklahoma City's KOCO-TV reports that the EPA awarded Oklahoma with an \$855,000 grant to protect water quality. "The Environmental Protection Agency has awarded \$855,000 to the Oklahoma Office of the Secretary of Energy to support management of nonpoint-source water pollution, officials said in a news release. ... 'Improving the Nation's water is one of EPA's highest priorities under the Trump administration,' said EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt, who was Oklahoma's attorney general before taking a position in President Donald Trump's administration."

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WASHINGTON (October 10, 2017) – Today, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Scott Pruitt issued a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM), proposing to repeal the so-called "Clean Power Plan (CPP)." After reviewing the CPP, EPA has proposed to determine that the Obama-era regulation exceeds the Agency's statutory authority. Repealing the CPP will also facilitate the development of U.S. energy resources and reduce unnecessary regulatory burdens associated with the development of those resources, in keeping with the principles established in President Trump's Executive Order on Energy Independence.

"The Obama administration pushed the bounds of their authority so far with the CPP that the Supreme Court issued a historic stay of the rule, preventing its devastating effects to be imposed on the American people while the rule is being challenged in court," **said EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt.** "We are committed to righting the wrongs of the Obama administration by cleaning the regulatory slate. Any replacement rule will be done carefully, properly, and with humility, by listening to all those affected by the rule.

CPP Appears to be Inconsistent with the Clean Air Act

The CPP, issued by the Obama administration, was premised on a novel and expansive view of Agency authority that the Trump administration now proposes to determine is inconsistent with the Clean Air Act. In fact, the CPP was put on hold in February 2016, when the U.S. Supreme Court issued an unprecedented, historic stay of the rule.

"EPA will respect the limits of statutory authority. The CPP ignored states' concerns and eroded longstanding and important partnerships that are a necessary part of achieving positive environmental outcomes. We can now assess whether further regulatory action is warranted; and, if so, what is the most appropriate path forward, consistent with the Clean Air Act and principles of cooperative federalism," said Administrator Pruitt.

The CPP was issued pursuant to a novel and expansive view of authority under Section 111 of the Clean Air Act (CAA). The CPP required regulated entities to take actions "outside the fence line." Traditionally, EPA Section 111 rules were based on measures that could be applied to, for, and at a particular facility, also referred to as "inside the fence line" measures. Prior to the CPP being issued, every single Section 111 rule on the books, including a handful of existing source rules and around 100 new-source rules, obeyed this limit. As the CPP departed from this traditional limit on EPA's authority under an "inside the fence line" interpretation, EPA is proposing to repeal it.

EPA has now sent the NPRM to the Federal Register for publication. Upon publication, the public will have 60 days to submit comments.

The repeal package includes:

- 1. The "preamble," which lays out the proposed legal interpretation, policy implications, and a summary of the costbenefits analysis of the proposed repeal; and
- 2. The "Regulatory Impact Analysis (RIA)," an in-depth cost-benefit technical analysis.

CPP Repeal Saves up to \$33 Billion in Avoided Costs in 2030

The proposed repeal both examines the Obama administration's cost-benefit analysis, as well as provides insights to support an updated analysis of the environmental, health, and economic effects of the proposed repeal. The Trump administration estimates the proposed repeal could provide up to \$33 billion in avoided compliance costs in 2030.

The previous administration's estimates and analysis of these costs and benefits was, in multiple areas, highly uncertain and/or controversial. Specific areas of controversy and/or uncertainty in the Obama administration's analysis of CPP include:

Domestic versus global climate benefits: The previous administration compared U.S. costs to an estimate of supposed global benefits, and failed to follow well-established economic procedures in estimating those benefits.

"Co-benefits" from non-greenhouse-gas pollutants: The Obama administration relied heavily on reductions in other pollutants emitted by power plants, essentially hiding the true net cost of the CPP by claiming benefits from reducing pollutants that had nothing to do with the rule's stated purpose.

Energy cost and savings accounting: The Obama administration counted "energy efficiency" results of their rule as an avoided cost, resulting in a cost estimate being considerably lower than it would have been if they used the appropriate practice of considering these effects as benefits, rather than subtracting them from costs. Had the Obama administration used the Office of Management and Budget's longstanding requirements and accounted cost and savings accordingly, it would have presented a more accurate accounting of the total cost of the CPP.

In this proposed repeal and its accompanying technical documents, this administration is, in a robust, open, and transparent way, presenting a wide range of analysis scenarios to the public.

As part of the notice-and-comment process for this proposed repeal, EPA will continue this analysis and inform the public, as necessary, to get feedback on new modeling and other information. The final action on this proposed repeal will address the results of this ongoing work.

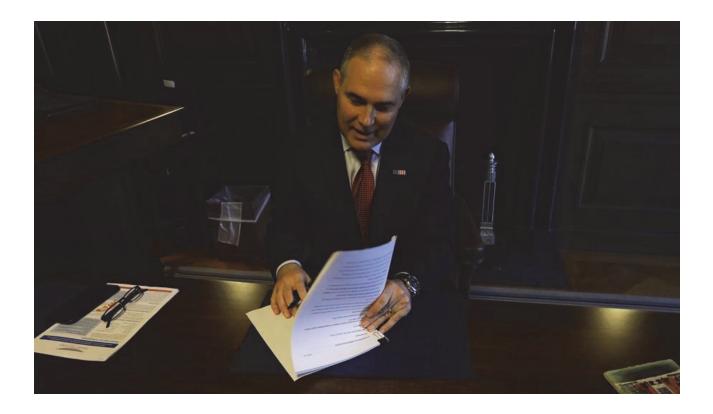
Forthcoming is an Advanced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (ANPRM) that will be reflective of a thoughtful and responsible approach to regulatory action grounded within the authority provided by the statute.

"With this action, the Trump administration is respecting states' role and reinstating transparency into how we protect our environment," said Administrator Pruitt.

Background

On March 28, President Trump signed an Executive Order on Energy Independence, establishing a national policy in favor of energy independence, economic growth, and the rule of law. The purpose of the Executive Order (EO) is to facilitate the development of U.S. energy resources and to reduce unnecessary regulatory burdens associated with the development of those resources. That same day, EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt signed four Federal Register notices in response to the EO, including a formal announcement of review of the Clean Power Plan. After substantial review, the Agency has proposed to determine that the Clean Power Plan (CPP) must be repealed.

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16	The subcommittee met, pursuant to call, at 10:00 a.m., in	1
17	Room 2123 Rayburn House Office Building, Hon. John Shimkus	
18	[chairman of the subcommittee] presiding.	
19	Members present: Representatives Shimkus, McKinley, Barton,	
20	Blackburn, Harper, Olson, Johnson, Flores, Hudson, Cramer,	
21	Walberg, Carter, Duncan, Walden (ex officio), Tonko, Ruiz,	
22	Peters, Green, DeGette, McNerney, Cardenas, Dingell, Matsui, and	ı
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Mr. Shimkus. 60 The subcommittee will now come to order. Before I begin my opening statement, I want to make a general 61 62 announcement to members about the process today. After months 63 of trying to find a mutually acceptable date for a hearing, the committee was able to finally get agreement with the administrator 64 to join us and we announced it. At the end of last week, however, 65 66 the committee learned Mr. Pruitt was being summoned to meet with 67 his boss, the President, for 90 minutes around lunch.

Rather than agreeing to start the whole process over and/or the hearing earlier and to have a defined end time, or push the entire hearing to a late afternoon start time, or try to find another mutually acceptable date, we have come to an agreement which we understand is not ideal, but gives members maximum flexibility to personally question the administrator about the Agency's missions.

75 Therefore, we will proceed with opening statements, the 76 administrator's testimony, and members' questions until 11:00 77 We will recess at that time and reconvene at 2:00 p.m. in a.m. 78 2322 which is upstairs. We expect the administrator will stay with us until committee members who are present or want to ask 79 80 questions have been given their turn to ask questions. Ι 81 will also note that there is going to be a voting period in this

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1009 regulations where you have scientists basically engage in an 1010 internal debate pro the regulation, con the regulation so that 1011 you really get a balanced scientific understanding of the pending 1012 regulation. Do you plan to use a red team-blue team approach 1013 and if so when might we expect that to start?

Mr. Pruitt. That is an ongoing review internally, Congressman. It is something that I hope to be able to do and announce sometime beginning part of next year at the latest. But that is something we have been working on for the last several months in trying to put that together and that would be a process that would be focused upon an objective, transparent, real-time review of questions and answers around this issue of CO2.

1021 I think one of the most important things we can do for the 1022 American people is provide that type of discussion, because it 1023 hasn't happened at the Agency. As I indicated, the Agency 1024 borrowed the work product of a third party and we need to ensure 1025 that that discussion occurs and it occurs in a way that the 1026 American people know that objective, transparent review is taking 1027 And so that red team-blue team concept is something that place. 1028 is ongoing as far as an evaluation and we may be able to get there 1029 as early as January of next year.

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Mr. Barton. Good. I would commend you on that. And I

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1031 think you know under the Obama administration EPA became more 1032 than just an enforcement agency. It more and more began to 1033 intervene in the policy arena, in many cases going further than 1034 at least those of us on the Republican side felt that they should 1035 go.

1036 Do you believe that before you set a standard you absolutely 1037 ought to check with the Department of Energy and the Federal Energy 1038 Regulatory Commission so that you really get a balanced analysis 1039 of what is going on, and do you feel that as we take a look at 1040 the reauthorization of your agency and the Department of Energy 1041 that it might be necessary to try to rebalance that equation 1042 between the energy policy arena and the environmental enforcement 1043 arena?

1044 Mr. Pruitt. Well, as I indicated in my opening comments, 1045 Congressman, it is important that as we do our work at the Agency 1046 that we only do what Congress permits and authorizes us to do. 1047 I think the challenges over the last several years -- it was mentioned in some of the opening comments about the Clean Power 1048 1049 Plan. It was unprecedented for the U.S. Supreme Court to enter 1050 a stay against the Clean Power Plan, and as you know you don't 1051 get a stay of enforcement on a rule unless there is a likelihood 1052 of success on the merits later.

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1053 And so there was an understanding that the steps taken by 1054 the previous administration, building blocks 1, 2, 3 and 4, there 1055 was a reimagining of authority that took place under the Clean Air Act that caused a lot of confusion on what was authorized 1056 1057 and what wasn't. That is not the proper way to approach these 1058 issues and we are addressing that at the Agency in ensuring that 1059 we hew to rule of law in these processes to make sure that there 1060 is confidence in the rules that we adopt going forward. 1061 Mr. Barton. My time has expired. I thank you, 1062 Administrator, for your answers. 1063 Mr. Shimkus. All right. And the gentleman yields back. 1064 An announcement for my colleagues, we are going to go to 1065 Congressman Ruiz. He will have the last 5-minute block of 1066 questions before we allow the administrator to get downtown, and 1067 then I will make an announcement about getting back promptly at 1068 2:00 for the administrator and for us to follow up. So with that 1069 the chair now recognizes the gentleman from California, Mr. Ruiz, for 5 minutes. 1070 1071 Mr. Ruiz. Administrator Pruitt, welcome to the committee. 1072 I am Dr. Raul Ruiz and it is a pleasure to meet you. I want 1073 to talk about particle pollution. Fine particle pollution is 1074 harmful to human health and can be deadly even at the very low

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Mr. Shimkus. Pursuant to the rules, I remind all members that they have 10 business days to submit additional questions for the record and ask the witnesses to submit their responses within 10 days of receipt of the questions. Without objection, the committee is adjourned. [Whereupon, at 4:34 p.m., the subcommittee was adjourned.]

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