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Trump Slashes CO₂ Regs Behind War on Energy

The Trump administration just dealt another blow to the anti-energy, anti-prosperity agenda pursued by the Biden administration underpinned by the man-made “climate change” hypothesis. Under the proposed repeal of previous “climate” regulations on energy production announced this month, many of the power plants targeted for destruction could remain open, and CO₂ would no longer be considered dangerous “pollution.” Naturally, that has the “climate” movement screaming bloody murder.

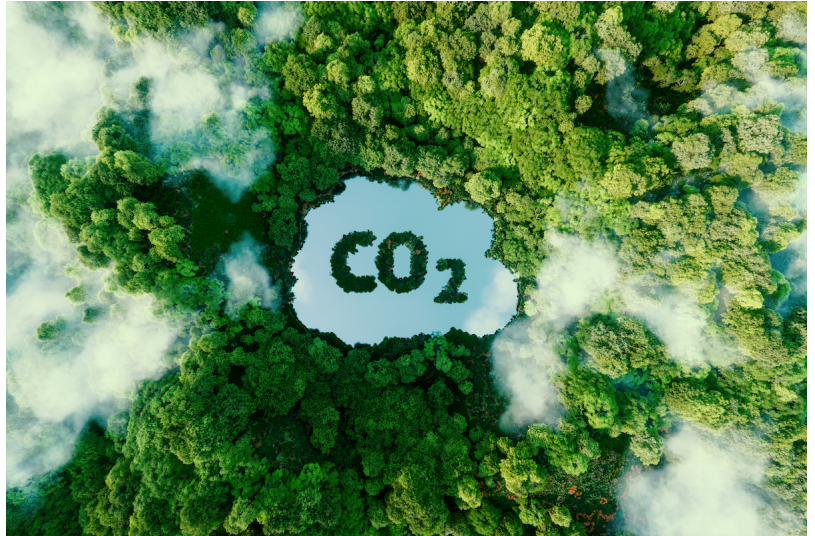
According to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the effect of the so-called greenhouse gases coming from U.S. energy production using hydrocarbons (or “fossil fuels”) is so small as to be negligible. The agency also pointed out that the CO₂ from power plants is not actually hurting people’s health, contrary to the demonstrably false claims of previous administrations. The latest announcement is part of a suite of two dozen “climate” decrees being eliminated by the administration.

Under the plan, coal and hydrocarbons could continue to provide power for U.S. consumers and businesses. “Rest assured President Trump is the biggest supporter of clean, beautiful coal,” EPA chief Lee Zeldin announced at the agency’s headquarters. “EPA is helping pave the way for American energy dominance because energy development underpins economic development, which in turn strengthens national security.”

The EPA regulatory changes, explained in a [proposed rule](#) released this month, would “repeal all greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions standards for fossil fuel-fired power plants,” the agency explained. “The EPA is further proposing to make a finding that GHG [greenhouse gas] emissions from fossil fuel-fired power plants do not contribute significantly to dangerous air pollution.”

CO₂: The Gas of Life

In reality, CO₂, the greenhouse gas in question, does not contribute at all to “air pollution.” It is known to serious scientists as the “gas of life.” Indeed, it is exhaled by all living people and animals, and it is essential to plant life — that is why farmers pump it into greenhouses. Human emissions of CO₂ do not even make up 1 percent of the greenhouse gases in the atmosphere. And concentrations of CO₂ have been four to five times higher in the past.



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“CO₂ is actually good for the world, and people ought to be encouraged to make more of it,” Princeton physics Professor William Happer, who served as Donald Trump’s climate advisor during his first term, told *The New American* [in an interview](#). Speaking of the idea that CO₂ is “pollution” to be regulated, Dr. Happer said: “This is the same evil fanaticism that has plagued mankind since we began.”

Industry groups, Republican governors, and climate realists all celebrated the news. West Virginia Governor Patrick Morrisey, for example, celebrated the EPA proposal as a win for the nation and his state. “[This proposal is] a major victory for West Virginia, our energy producers, and every American who depends on reliable, affordable electricity,” said Morrisey, who as state attorney general worked in the courts to resist the feds’ climate agenda.

Climate Lobby Furious

Of course, high-paid climate lobbyists whose industries depend on their discredited hypothesis — along with their compliant media propagandists — are in an uproar about the changes. “These regressive proposals are bad for public health and bad for climate, all to prop up some of the highest polluting power plants in the nation,” complained Clean Air Task Force legal director Shaun Goho in a statement to taxpayer-funded propaganda outlet NPR.

The extremism from the well-funded climate movement — much of it supported by Russian state oil money, Rockefeller cash, and other dangerous enemies of the U.S. Constitution — only got more extreme from there. “The EPA is hoisting the white flag of surrender on the power plant pollution that’s poisoning the air we breathe and harming our climate,” Manish Bapna, president and CEO of Natural Resources Defense Council wrote in a statement.

Sounding like a doomsday preacher, “environmental health attorney” Ryan Maher at the Center for Biological Diversity went even more over the top. “If these reckless rollbacks are allowed to stand they’ll only fan the flames of extreme heat and wildfires, and they’ll trigger more child deaths, more cancers, more lung diseases and more heart attacks,” he said in a statement quoted by NPR, claiming Trump was seeking to “shovel dirty coal down our throats.”

Fake Media Outrage

NPR, which promotes left-wing extremism and climate hysteria at taxpayer expense, [did not even pretend](#) to offer a fair hearing. “Carbon dioxide from human activity is the main driver of global warming,” claimed NPR’s Jeff Brady, without mentioning the growing number of peer-reviewed scientific studies showing that solar activity and the “urban heat island” effect are the primary drivers of very slight temperature increases observed in recent decades.

Far-left media outlets such as *Politico*, which also feasted on millions of taxpayer dollars throughout the last administration, could barely conceal their disgust at the news. Blasting carbon dioxide as “climate pollution,” *Politico* framed the policy as “removing the cornerstone of a decadelong strategy to douse one of the nation’s largest sources of heat-trapping gases.”

In addition to its over-the-top statements and expensive public relations campaign, the climate industry — feasting on trillions of dollars extracted from taxpayers worldwide — is vowing to fight in court. The proposed EPA rule on power plants and CO₂, likely to be finalized before the end of the year, will almost certainly be challenged legally by those who claim the federal government “must” regulate the gas of life.



UN Doubling Down

Even as Trump works to rein in the extremism, the United Nations International Court of Justice is considering a case on the supposed “legal obligations of states” with respect to “climate change.” With a World Court ruling expected later this year and UN officials calling it among the most important cases in history, legal experts expect the kangaroo court to claim that governments have an “obligation” to reduce and control CO₂ emissions.

Meanwhile, the UN’s International Maritime Organization is on the verge of imposing the first ever global tax on humanity. Under the guise of taxing CO₂ emissions, the rogue UN agency is seeking to charge ship owners money, paid directly to a UN fund that would then distribute the loot to businesses and governments. The Trump administration called it “wealth redistribution under the guise of environmentalism” and vowed to resist.

Americans Not Buying

As numerous polls and surveys show, most Americans do not even believe the hypothesis that human emissions of CO₂ are responsible for alleged climate change. Even among those who do believe it, there is little appetite for the costly and draconian “solutions” proposed by alarmists. Indeed, a recent poll by the AP-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research found just one third of Americans were willing to pay a single additional dollar on their monthly energy bill to fight climate change.

The situation is so dire for alarmists that some leftist climate luminaries are now claiming the Left needs a new strategy. “There’s no way around it: The left strategy on climate needs to be rethought,” said Jody Freeman, who served as counselor for energy and climate change in President Barack Obama’s White House. “We’ve lost the culture war on climate, and we have to figure out a way for it to not be a niche leftist movement.”

While Freeman admitted she was “struggling” to articulate what the “new strategy” might be, it must include the option of using hydrocarbon fuels such as natural gas as a “bridge” to a “zero emissions” world supposedly powered by “renewables.” But the end goal of the tyrants remains the same: Control every human being by controlling every human activity under the guise of saving “Mother Earth.”

Trump on the Move

Trump, however, is on the warpath. Over a decade ago, he famously took aim at climate alarmism by calling it a hoax to benefit the Chinese Communist Party. And during his first term in office, he pushed back in a major way, opening up U.S. energy, rolling back regulations, reining in U.S. funding for climate schemes, and even starting the process of withdrawing from the UN’s Paris Agreement.

Since then, Trump has doubled down, even declaring before taking office the second time that the climate “hoax” must be a top target of his MAGA movement and America at large. “One of the most urgent tasks, not only for our movement, but for our country, is to decisively defeat the climate hysteria hoax,” he argued during a 2022 talk in Florida in which he lambasted green energy and the alarmism surrounding CO₂.

He hit the fraud hard on the 2024 campaign trail, too. “We don’t have a global warming problem; they don’t use that term anymore,” he said. “At certain points it starts to cool a little bit ... so they changed it. You know what the term is? Climate change. This way, if it gets warmer ... if it gets cooler, if it rains,



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if snow comes down in the middle of the summer, it's climate change.... And we've spent trillions and trillions of dollars ... putting windmills all over these magnificent plains, and fields, and valleys, and oceans.... It's all a big hoax."

Congress Must Act

Unfortunately, Trump's efforts to rein in climate extremism have not been enshrined in law thus far. That means as soon as another Deep State Democrat or Republican takes over the White House, Americans can expect all of it to come back like a tidal wave, just as occurred when Joe Biden seized power after the first Trump administration. The GOP-controlled Congress must take action to prevent these unconstitutional abuses, or they will be back soon.



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