



EPA Retreats on Trump Campaign Promise. Costly Ozone Regulations Will Continue.

Former head of the EPA, Scott Pruitt, recently resigned due to intense political pressure and death threats against his family. President Trump replaced him with Andrew Wheeler who now has discontinued efforts to repeal the job-killing ozone smog regulations imposed by the Obama administration. This is a retreat from the campaign promises of President Trump who had singled out the ozone standards as one of four EPA regulations that definitely would be eliminated. The EPA is planning to address the issue of reforms to the regulations in 2020, and will consider naturally-occurring ozone and pollution blown in from other countries that affects state compliance. -GEG

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) won't repeal or revise Obama-era ground-level ozone regulations "at this time," according to court filings, signaling a retreat on one of President Donald Trump's campaign promises.

Justice Department attorneys told a federal court Wednesday that EPA Administrator Andrew Wheeler would discontinue efforts to repeal ozone, or smog, regulations imposed in 2015 by the Obama administration. Conservative groups were dismayed with EPA's retreat from a regulatory battle they've been

waging for years.

“This is very disturbing because it will affect manufacturing, energy production and its costs, and jobs for Americans,” Daniel Kish, a distinguished senior fellow at the Institute for Energy Research, told The Daily Caller News Foundation.

The Trump administration will now defend Obama-era ozone regulations in court against a coalition of states and industries suing to have them overturned. The recent court filings were part of this case, which former EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt was party to while Oklahoma’s attorney general.

“While EPA officials in the current administration may have supported making different judgments about the significance of background concentrations of ozone and how to judge what standards are requisite to protect public health and welfare, the agency at this time does not intend to revisit the 2015 rule,” government attorneys [wrote](#) in their court filing.

However, a source with knowledge of EPA’s decision told TheDCNF the agency is looking forward to the next ozone review as an opportunity to address concerns about the rule. [\(RELATED: EPA Reverses Course, Will Now Enforce Obama-Era Regulations On Used Trucks\)](#)

By focusing the future, the source said, EPA hopes to get a new ozone standard done by 2020 complete with reforms to the process, including more consideration for naturally-occurring ozone and pollution blown in from other countries that affects state compliance.

The year 2020 is also an election year, meaning it could be strategically timed to bolster Trump’s re-election effort. Former President Barack Obama intentionally delayed ozone regulations until after the 2012 election to not jeopardize his re-election, The New York Times [reported](#) in 2011.

Trump singled out the 2015 ozone standards as one of four

major EPA regulations that would be eliminated, including the Clean Power Plan, Waters of the U.S. rule and issues with the Renewable Fuel Standard.

The Obama administration lowered the national ozone standard in 2015 from 75 to 70 parts per billion, arguing it would save lives and improve public health. Those claims aside, states and industry groups quickly sued, arguing such standards could be the most expensive clean air regulations ever.

“This is a very costly regulation, and runs against the grain of the regulatory rollbacks that have enabled the incredible economic growth under the Trump Administration,” Kish said.

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Antifa Member and Ethics Professor Escapes Punishment after Bashing Trump Supporters with A Bike Lock

Eric Clanton, a philosophy and ethics professor at Diablo Valley College, was granted a plea deal and will receive probation instead of punishment following his violent attacks on Trump supporters. Police report that he bashed seven people

with a bike lock at Berkeley in April 2017. Clanton was charged with four counts of felony assault and faced 11 years in prison. One victim, Sean Stiles, pressed charges against him over the brutal attack that, fortunately, was captured on video. [The judicial system now protects the privileged leftist class and is no longer capable of serving justice. So, what do we do about it? A good place to begin is [Red Pill University](#).]