

Inside the Executive Orders: Dismantling Environmental Protections, Undermining Environmental Justice, and Fueling the Climate Crisis



On his first day in office, Donald Trump made history by signing multiple Executive Orders attacking our environment and dismantling essential environmental justice programs and critical climate change initiatives. This administration has already secured an environmental legacy defined by prioritizing profits and corporate interests over our planet and our people.



Executive Orders

- Putting America First in International Environment Agreements
- Unleashing Alaska's Extraordinary Resource Potential
- Temporary Withdrawal of All Areas on the Outer Continental Shelf From Offshore Wind Leasing and Review of the Federal Government's Leasing and Permitting Practices for Wind Projects
- Declaring a National Energy Emergency
- Putting People Over Fish: Stopping Radical Environmentalism to Provide Water to Southern California
- Unleashing American Energy
- Restoring Names That Honor American Greatness
- Ending Radical And Wasteful Government DEI Programs And Preferencing

Environmental Impacts

- Prioritization of the expansion of fossil fuel/LNG projects by expediting the permitting process, terminating the Green New Deal, and pausing offshore wind permitting and development
- Rollbacks of environmental protections, including reinstating environmentally damaging decisions and policies for drilling in the Arctic and offshore
- Declaring an Energy Emergency and allowing fossil fuel projects to bypass environmental protections, including the Clean Water Act, Endangered Species Act, and Marine Mammal Protection Act
- Actions outlined in the Executive Orders can disrupt ecosystems, endanger species, and cause long-term environmental harm

Environmental Justice Impacts

- Disregarding cultural significance, erasing voices, and continuing the exclusion of Indigenous representation in decisions about public lands
- Expediting and expanding fossil fuel projects that impact marginalized communities (low-income, Indigenous, and communities of color), including land displacement, pollution exposure, and loss of livelihood
- Elimination of DEI programs
- Revocation of environmental protections, including those for Arctic National Wildlife Refuge and the National Petroleum Reserve to increase development, directly threatening vulnerable wildlife and Indigenous communities

Climate Change Impacts

- Withdrawal from the Paris Climate Agreement
- Termination of the Green New Deal
- Revocation of the following, but not limited to:
 - Executive Order 14008 of January 27, 2021 (Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad)
 - Executive Order 13990 of January 20, 2021 (Protecting Public Health and the Environment and Restoring Science To Tackle the Climate Crisis)
 - Executive Order 14030 of May 20, 2021 (Climate-Related Financial Risk)
 - Executive Order 14037 of August 5, 2021 (Strengthening American Leadership in Clean Cars and Trucks)
 - Executive Order 14082 of September 12, 2022 (Implementation of the Energy and Infrastructure Provisions of the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022)
 - The Presidential Memorandum of March 13, 2023 (Withdrawal of Certain Areas off the United States Arctic Coast of the Outer Continental Shelf from Oil or Gas Leasing)
 - The Presidential Memorandum of January 6, 2025 (Withdrawal of Certain Areas of the United States Outer Continental Shelf from Oil or Natural Gas Leasing)

Take Action

Now, more than ever, we must stand united with one another to advocate for our planet and our people. Join us on social media by posting the graphic below (click image to download) with the hashtag #ResistRespectRestore and tag us (@turtleislandrestorationnetwork)

Sample Caption: Donald Trump has already secured an environmental legacy defined by prioritizing profits and corporate interests over our planet and our people. Our environment and our people are being sacrificed by this administration to fuel their dangerous agenda. We must **resist** these harmful changes, **respect** one another, and **restore** the health of our planet. #ResistRespectRestore @turtleislandrestorationnetwork



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