

nation that restricted coal companies from dumping mining waste into waterways. The man he appointed director of the EPA, Scott Pruitt, has had close working ties with fossil fuel industries, worked to block President Obama's climate change agenda, and, as Attorney General of Oklahoma, sued the EPA 14 times.

While business and industry groups applaud the new president's assault on protective regulations, many unbiased agencies throughout the government, from the National Science Foundation (NSF) to the Department of Energy (DOE), have been rattled by White House requests for information on scientists engaged in climate and other environmental research; many are concerned that this is a first step to eliminating from the government anyone with these views. The National Forest Service made headlines defying orders to suspend the distribution of public information about climate change during

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