

## Energy Freedom Score Card

(as of October 15, 2017)

**Mission Statement:** Affordable, reliable, and plentiful energy enables us to protect the environment while also creating jobs and the goods and services we need. Expensive and unreliable energy, like the kind produced by ethanol and commercial wind and solar companies, destroys jobs and harms the environment.

Fossil fuels are the foundation of economic growth and prosperity. Taxing them or making them more scarce causes economic growth to slow, makes food and other essential goods more expensive, and many of the good things we take for granted are lost.

We owe it to future generations to leave the world a better place than we found it. Renewable energies don't protect the environment. They actually harm it by being less efficient and more land-intensive than fossil fuels.

Status	Recommendation
<b>1. Rein in EPA</b>	
Repeal unnecessary regulations affecting air and water quality and energy production, end the abuse of science, end subsidies to leftist groups.	
DONE	Withdraw implementation of the Waters of the U.S. rule.
DONE Pruitt announced new EPA policy to end sue and settle.	Dramatically reduce government funding of environmental advocacy groups, including funds delivered to such groups through the "sue and settle" scam.
STARTED Some regs on coal-powered generation have been removed or delayed. Others are up for review.	Roll back recent EPA regulations on ozone, small particles, and other air pollutants that are based on discredited epidemiology and toxicology.
STARTED Trump ended terms of many long-time members of science advisory boards with conflicts of interest.	End conflicts of interest on scientific review boards.
STARTED Pruitt's withdrawal of the CPP said there are no health effects below EPA's standard for PM-2.5.	Formally end the use of the "linear no-threshold assumption" in determining safe levels of exposure to pollutants.
STARTED Trump said Obama's preliminary approval of higher CAFE standards will be reviewed.	Roll back Corporate Average Fuel Economy (CAFE) standards, which result in the deaths of thousands of car and truck passengers every year, needlessly increase the price of new cars, and favor foreign car manufacturers.
NOT DONE	End the use of "secret science" by EPA and other regulatory agencies.
NOT DONE	End reliance on near-zero risk ratios.
NOT DONE	Enforce the Data Quality Act with respect to the junk science promoted and funded by EPA on air pollution and toxicology.
NOT DONE	Congress should repeal the Delaney clause, which essentially commits the FDA and other government agencies to an impossible zero risk standard.

## 2. Repeal Global Warming Regulations

End the war on fossil fuels by withdrawing from the Paris and FCCC, the endangerment finding, the social cost of carbon, Clean Power Plan, and other regulations justified by global warming alarmism.

DONE	Withdraw from the Paris Accord and stop funding the Green Climate Fund.
DONE	Retract and rescind "social cost of carbon" estimates and stop including them in required cost-benefit analysis of new regulations.
DONE	Withdraw/repeal the Clean Power Plan.
STARTED Pruitt has announced plans for a Red Team, progress has been slow.	Create a President's Council on Climate Change charged with cutting through the politics and bias that infected climate science and policymaking during the Obama administration and advising the President on what policies to repeal and what policies to pursue.
STARTED At least some research grants are being cancelled, the president's budget called for a 30% cut to EPA budget.	Dramatically reduce government funding of climate change research pending the findings of the new President's Council on Climate Change. When funding for such research resumes, require that equal amounts go to studying natural and man-made climate change.
NOT DONE	Withdraw from the UN's Framework Convention on Climate Change.
NOT DONE	Stop basing military planning and strategies on the predictions of flawed climate models.
NOT DONE	Support legislation repealing Obama's Executive Order 13693, which requires the Department of Defense to create a number of climate change programs and policies.
NOT DONE	End funding for the United Nations' biased climate change programs, in particular the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC).

## 3. End Climate Profiteering

End subsidies, tax credits, feed-in tariffs, regulatory carve-outs, and mandates that benefit wind, solar, and ethanol producers yet produce no environmental benefits.

STARTED Some states have frozen renewable energy mandate targets, some have considered repealing existing mandates, but progress is slow.	Repeal state Renewable Power Mandates (RPMs) where they exist and oppose their option in states that don't currently have them.
STARTED* A DOE proposal to FERC would start to level the playing field between coal and renewables. See footnote below.	Have FERC grant higher rates to coal generation to recognize the important role they play in provide base-load energy.
STARTED Trump's budget proposed moving forward with Yucca Mountain	Remove regulatory obstacles to the expansion of nuclear power and open the nuclear waste storage facility at Yucca Mountain.
STARTED Trump froze current ethanol production minimum rather than raising it.	Abolish the Renewable Fuels Standard (RFS) program, which mandates that refiners add ethanol to gasoline.



NOT DONE	End federal tax credits to wind and solar producers.
NOT DONE	Convince state PUCs not to implement "zombie" Obama-era regulations and subsidies that lead to the premature closing of coal-powered generation.
NOT DONE	Hold solar and wind power producers to the same environmental protection standards as are applied to coal and natural gas power generators.

#### 4. Use It, Don't Lose It

Achieve "energy dominance" by maximizing U.S. production of fossil fuels. End excessive restrictions of exploration, development, and production of fossil fuels on public lands as well as private lands.

DONE	Approve Keystone XL and other pipelines blocked by President Obama.
STARTED Some restrictions have been withdrawn. Interior is reducing size of some national monuments.	Roll back unnecessary regulations on hydraulic fracturing, mining, and oil and gas exploration offshore and on federal lands.
STARTED Trump ended an Obama-era anti-fracking rule, states are debating restrictions on fracking.	Repeal unnecessary restrictions and state bans on fracking.
STARTED	Expand U.S. exports of coal, liquefied natural gas, and oil as a way to reduce the reliance of allies and other countries on energy imports from Russia and other bad actors in the international community.