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NEW TRACKING RESOURCE TALLIES THE HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS THREATENED BY TRUMP ADMINISTRATION DEREGULATION

Billions of dollars in benefits to the American public are at risk due to current deregulatory efforts

The Trump administration continues to attack critical environmental protections through various regulatory repeals, delays, and detrimental revisions. A [new resource compiled by the Institute for Policy Integrity](#) at New York University School of Law tallies the benefits to public health and the environment that are likely to be erased by these deregulatory efforts.

Since 2017, numerous environmental rules have been the subject of the Trump administration's deregulatory agenda. The original rules highlighted in our document were economically justified, meaning each was supported by a detailed account of its monetized benefits to the American public, which outweighed projected costs. Now, as the administration works to undo these rules, a wide range of crucial benefits to the American public could be lost.

Some examples include:

- **Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Corporate Average Fuel Economy Standards for Light-Duty Vehicles (2017-2025 models)**
 - \$17.87 billion in annual net benefits (benefits minus costs) could be lost. These benefits include greenhouse gas emissions reductions, consumer fuel savings, and health benefits from particulate matter reduction.
- **Clean Water Rule: Definition of the Waters of the United States**
 - \$149 million in annual net benefits could be lost. The original regulation would have made further improvements to water quality and avoided environmental impacts from pollution to wetlands and other aquatic resources.
- **Energy Conservation Standards for General Service Lamps**
 - \$654 million in annual net benefits could be lost as a result of foregone greenhouse gas reductions, consumer savings, and health benefits from NO_x reductions.

Our resource provides information on categories of benefits at risk for each rule, monetized gross and net benefit estimates, and other unquantified health and environmental effects of 14 federal rules. We will publish updates as new deregulatory actions occur. For more information on the litigation related to many of these rules, see our [tracker](#).

Additionally, the State Energy & Environmental Impact Center at New York University School of Law recently released a [special report on the Trump administration's efforts](#) to roll back regulations on four industries that collectively account for nearly half of all U.S. greenhouse gas emissions. Our tracking resource is cited throughout the report.

The tracking resource is available at: https://policyintegrity.org/documents/Benefits_at_Stake.pdf

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