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STATEMENT ON REPEAL OF EPA COST-BENEFIT RULE

Yesterday, the Environmental Protection Agency repealed a Trump administration rule governing cost-benefit analyses of clean air regulations. The Trump-era rule had altered longstanding approaches to calculating the benefits of pollution reductions.

Richard Revesz, AnBryce Professor of Law and Dean Emeritus at New York University School of Law, where he directs the Institute for Policy Integrity, issued the following statement:

“EPA eliminated a pernicious effort by the Trump administration to call into question the benefits of clean air regulations. The Trump rule was inconsistent with the best science and economics and with the practices of prior administrations of both parties over several decades. It sought to put a thumb on the scale in favor of deregulation, and would have caused additional deaths, illnesses, and lost work days and decreased the overall welfare of Americans. The repeal of this rule is an important step to restore scientific integrity at EPA.”

Revesz is available for interviews on this issue.

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