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STATEMENT ON EPA RULE OBSTRUCTING SCIENTIFIC EVIDENCE

The Trump administration is soon expected to finalize a rule that will restrict the use of epidemiological studies and other scientific research in regulatory decisionmaking. This rule, known as the “Strengthening Transparency in Pivotal Science Underlying Significant Regulatory Actions and Influential Scientific Information Rule,” would force regulators to ignore many of the most significant scientific findings that support strong public health safeguards.

Richard Revesz, Director of the Institute for Policy Integrity at NYU School of Law, has released the following statement:

“This rule would bar regulators from considering bedrock scientific evidence about the dangers of pollution. The peer-reviewed studies that this rule seeks to restrict present the most direct and persuasive evidence of pollution’s adverse health effects. Ignoring them will lead to uninformed and insufficiently stringent standards, causing avoidable deaths and illnesses.”

The Institute for Policy Integrity [submitted comments](#) to the EPA’s Chartered Science Advisory Board (SAB) on the numerous flaws in the proposed version of the rule.

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