



Evaluating President Trump's Choices

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President Donald J Trump

After a [**dubiously**] successful Women's March to protest statements made by President Donald Trump about women in 2005, and other issues, a group of science advocates got the idea for a similar « *Science March* » to protest the President's RESTRICTION ON USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA by the Environmental Protection Agency [**EPA**].

And ostensibly to support science.

More on supporting science in a moment, but first the Environmental Protection Agency [**EPA**].

It is a special animal.

While we have often applauded the work of career scientists there, it has become increasingly known in the last two decades that there are « *two EPAs* ».

One has been doing solid, methodical work behind the scenes while another has been used to create laws circumventing Congress — by implementing regulations that act as laws — and in violation of President Clinton's Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995, which prevents onerous regulations that would add a lot of costs without showing how they'd be funded.

ON SOCIAL MEDIA, THE EPA HAD ALSO BEEN OUT OF CONTROL.

The General Accounting Office determined in 2015 that they were using it to engage in « *propaganda* » when advocating their new regulations, in that case The Clean Water Rule and its « *Waters of the United States* » verbiage which was written by environmental [**fanatical**] activists, a worrisome trend during the Obama years.

Given all that, NOT to mention overruling scientists on Yucca Mountain, the Deepwater Horizon oil spill, Keystone XL, and more, it seems strange that some activists worry the incoming President will be any more anti-science than the last.

THE REALITY IS PRESIDENTS EMBRACE SCIENCE WHEN IT AGREES WITH POLICY.

As president, people can protest all they want and pretend it isn't just partisan politics, but there remain only two ways to truly show you are for science or against it — funding and who is placed in positions of power.

Since funding will be an unknown until this time next year, I decided to take a look at his recent picks for departments so far.

And as a bonus I included one hypothetical.

Environmental Protection Agency [EPA]

On its science findings, the EPA can be terrific, but the accusation by critics has been that they have been PICKING POLITICAL GOALS FIRST, AND GATHERING DATA LATER.

As mentioned above, the EPA's « *Waters of the United States* » rule, where private ponds and creeks can be defined as « *navigable waters* » that fall under the EPA's jurisdiction, remains mired in the courts, while pollution experts argue that its mandates on emissions were made using narrow data and ignoring studies which showed POLLUTION IS NOT CAUSING ANY ACUTE DEATHS IN THE US NOW.

The EPA needs to return to being a data-gathering agency that recommends policies to elected officials and less of an unassailable oligarchy that skirts around Congress by issuing green decrees.

Oklahoma Attorney General Scott Pruitt successfully challenged EPA rulings on scientific grounds, while acknowledging that the office has an important role to play in regulating pollution, including carbon dioxide.

The challenge will be convincing law-makers and the public that EPA is again evidence-based and making decisions to protect the long-term health of all Americans, rather than, as critics claim, used as a way to pass laws without involving Congress.

Tasking someone who has defeated EPA with reforming its work is a bold move, but it won't be easy taming this bureaucratic leviathan or undoing the carefully groomed relationships anti-science groups have created with career bureaucrats there.

Agriculture Secretary

Though media wasn't sure what to make of former Georgia Governor Sonny Perdue, the agriculture community is happy with President Trump's selection.

His experience in governance, and as both a farmer and an owner of an agriculture trade company, gives him insight into the real world of food production that most officials lack.

One looming challenge — the US Department of Agriculture created a niche advisory panel on ORGANIC FOOD, the National Organic Standards Board, decades ago, but as the marketing clout of ORGANIC FOOD has increased, they have SOUGHT TO UNDERMINE CONVENTIONAL AGRICULTURE.

USDA administrators have requested that ORGANIC STANDARDS be brought back under their direct control, since it is now a \$100 billion Big Ag industry in its own right, but lobbyists have held them off so far.

Mr Perdue will need to deal with that challenge and curb abuses of farmers and food by anti-science activists funded by organic company marketing departments.

Science « Czar »

That's the colloquial name for the Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy [[OSTP](#)].

Like many of the other choices, this has been the subject of speculation and concern in science media, but despite the name it actually has NO real control over science or funding.

It is NOT a Cabinet post but was created by Congress. The Science Czar is one of dozens of such advisors Presidents can have (President Obama had 38, President Clinton only 8), but because Congress can require the OSTP

Director to testify, President Trump's choice will NOT be part of the inner circle.

However, this selection does affect the perception of the scientific credibility of the administration even if it doesn't have a great deal of influence beyond briefings.

President Obama's Science Czar, Dr John Holdren, wrote a controversial book with [**enviro-lunatic**] Dr Paul Ehrlich, of « *Population Bomb* » fame, which argued that America could NOT feed a population of 280 million by 2040 (we have over 320 million right now, 25 per cent of them obese due to so much food) and that Draconian eugenics measures might need to be put in place to cull humanity.

Yet the President DID NOT press to have the Hyde Amendment, which bans the use of federal money for abortions, rescinded just because Holdren was advising him.

It still made the former President look bad by association, even among fellow Democrats.

Who it will be is speculation at this point, President Bush didn't have one for his first eight months while Holdren got a unanimous vote, though NOT until two months after President Obama had been in office, but what is known is that President Trump should select a scientifically well-rounded scientist WHOSE VIEWS ARE BASED IN REALITY.

A number of quality names have been put forth, including members of the American Council on Science and Health Board of Scientific Advisors.

Conclusion

When it comes to science and health, someone has clearly thought about these nominees, and they are also in line with the stated goals that got the President elected.

THESE SELECTIONS ARE CERTAINLY NOT ANTI-SCIENCE, UNLESS YOU ARE FRAMING SCIENCE THROUGH POLITICAL OR SOCIAL GOALS.

If we are going to continue to make progress, we need to make sure the political blinders are taken off so we can recognize there is a world of difference between being opposed to science and being opposed to excessive regulation.

One can accept the former while fixing the latter.

Let's hope we get a bit of both.



As Trump Issues Orders, Landscape Group Analyzes Impact

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Eleven days into President Donald Trump's administration, the lobbying arm of the National Association of Landscape Professionals (NALP) is doing what every other industry trade group is doing: trying to keep up.

One of the latest in a flurry of executive orders came Monday morning. While it has a decidedly business-friendly title, « *Reducing Regulation and Controlling Regulatory Costs* », its consequences for the landscaping industry — and most likely for many industries — will be mixed.

For landscapers, the order could exacerbate what NALP sees as CHRONIC UNDER-FUNDING of the Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Pesticide Programs.

The other major concern for numerous landscape companies is the H-2B foreign worker program.

A crucial element of that program, the so-called « *returning worker EXEMPTION* », may already be a lost cause for 2017.

The EXEMPTION, which expired at the end of the fiscal year this past September 30th, 2016, allows foreign workers who've already participated in the program to return to work for a landscaping employer without counting against the annual limit on H-2B workers.

Congress would have to act almost immediately to salvage the EXEMPTION in time for this year's busiest season for landscapers.

As for the future of the H-2B program in general, NALP and the landscapers it represents will have to wait and see.



Mr Paul Mendelsohn

The organization's vice president of government relations, Paul Mr Mendelsohn, that President Trump is expected to issue another executive order following the confirmation of US Senator Jeff Sessions, R-Alabama, as attorney general.

The new order will call for an IN-DEPTH INQUIRY by the Justice Department into THE IMPACT ON AMERICAN WORKERS OF US FOREIGN-WORKER PROGRAMS.

Sessions has long been a vehement opponent of the H-2B program.

Mr Mendelsohn said he had seen a draft of the executive order, which « *doesn't mention H-2B* » but is likely to include a review of at least some aspects of the program.

The Senate Judiciary Committee scheduled a vote on Mr Sessions' nomination for February 1st, 2017, according to the Washington Post, with a vote by the full Senate expected later in the week.

Mr Mendelsohn stressed that NALP and its partners haven't given up in seeking quick reinstatement of the returning worker EXEMPTION.

« *We're trying hard to educate members of Congress — especially the new members — on the importance of the EXEMPTION to our industry* », he said.



Shrinking EPA Concerns Landscapers Dealing With Agency

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Mr Myron Ebell

As President Donald Trump continues to move forward with his plans to reduce federal regulations, DIRE PREDICTIONS are being made about the Environmental Protection Agency's [EPA] staff.

The landscaping industry has long been CONCERNED ABOUT UNDERFUNDING of the arm of EPA that oversees pesticide use in the landscape.

It appears that issue may become even more pressing under President Trump.

Mr Myron Ebell, former head of Trump's EPA transition team, has suggested CUTTING the EPA's WORK-FORCE to 5,000 and the BUDGET IN HALF over the next four years.

While his advice is his own, his beliefs line up with those of President Trump and HIS DIRECTIVE TO FREEZE FEDERAL HIRING AND REDUCE GOVERNMENT REGULATIONS.

« *My own personal view is that the EPA would be better served if it were a much leaner organization that had substantial cuts,* » Mr Ebell told The Washington Post.

Mr Ebell argues DRASTIC CUTS would prevent the EPA from « *regulatory over-reach* ».

Mr Ebell believes cutting 10,000 employees might be extreme but notes Congress won't make significant cuts unless you ask for them.

Mr Ebell is director at the Competitive Enterprise Institute, a small-government think tank that has CHARACTERIZED GLOBAL WARMING AS A FAD AND PRODUCT OF ALARMISM.

A transition team news release quotes President Trump as saying the EPA has had « *an out-of-control anti-energy agenda* ».

Mr Ebell believes « *EPA is looking at a SIGNIFICANT CUT EVERY YEAR for the duration of the Trump administration* ».

While Mr Ebell might NOT have the final call on the matter, he does serve as a good indicator of what is to come.

Because President Trump will leave in place EPA's grants to the states for environmental infra-structure — grants that make up about half of the agency's budget — A REDUCTION IN EPA STAFF APPEARS INEVITABLE.



**The Truth About
President Trump's
'Muslim Ban'**

While the LYING MEDIA is perpetuating the lie that refugees do NOT pose a terrorist threat, the facts show otherwise.

Senator, and soon-to-be Attorney General, Jeff Sessions, compiled this list of refugees-turned-jihadists in 2016 while President Obama was pushing to dramatically increase the amount of so-called « *refugees* » allowed into the United States.

Twenty « *vett*ed » refugees TURNED TO TERRORISM after being allowed into America.

The flurry of anguished news stories and protests surrounding President Trump's executive action temporarily suspending « *immigrants and non-immigrants* » from « *countries of particular concern* » appears to be part of a coordinated public relations effort financed by left-wing [**lunatic**] billionaire George Soros.

Rather than a complete « *Muslim ban* » as promised during the campaign, President Trump's executive order contains moderate refugee restrictions, similar to those that have been implemented by President Obama.

If reports are true that restrictions are being applied even to green-card holders, which is an unfortunate misapplication of the law that will likely soon be corrected.

Protesters quickly materialized Saturday at JFK Airport, where some refugees were being temporarily detained.

Reportedly, open-borders advocate Soros has PROVIDED SOME \$76 MILLION FOR IMMIGRANT ISSUES OVER THE PAST DECADE, as Soros-funded « *immigrant rights groups* » helped influence President Obama's immigration policy.

[youtube=<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JNu4xU9qOEM>]

President Trump Will Drain The Swamp In Washington Of Environmental Terrorism !

NOT only does President Donald Trump intend to « *drain the swamp* » in Washington, Mr Trump will NOT represent the twisted-interests of anti-pesticide & environmental-terrorist organizations like Environmental Working Group.

With President Trump, the golf and agriculture industries will NO longer fear arbitrary prohibitions against pest control products that are, in fact, safe and effective. Overall, with the historic Trump victory, these industries may NO longer need to fear arbitrary prohibitions against pest control products.

Dear environmental-terrorists ... get your panties out of a wad. Let us know when the IRS comes after you under President Trump. With President Trump, anti-pesticide and pro-global-warming terrorism will come to an end.

Trump's New EPA ! — [LINK](#)

<http://pesticidetruths.com/2016/11/22/trumps-new-epa-mr-myron-ebell-the-right-man-for-americas-pesticide-regulatory-system-speaking-out-against-anti-pesticide-terrorism-pesticides-are-not-bad-for-you/>

Trump & The Presidency ! — [LINKS](#)

<http://pesticidetruths.com/2017/01/19/u-s-a-2016s-man-of-the-year-is-now-president-of-the-united-states-2017-01-20/>

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Good News For Oil & Gas, Manufacturing, Golf, & Agriculture Industries ! — [LINK](#)

<http://pesticidetruths.com/2016/11/10/with-historic-trump-victory-agriculture-and-golf-industries-may-no-longer-fear-arbitrary-prohibitions-against-pest-control-products-2016-11-09/>

Overall, the risk assessment of conventional pest control products indicates that they are scientifically-safe, and, when used properly, will NOT cause harm to children, people, animals, or the environment.

Pest Control Products Are Scientifically-Safe — [LINKS](#)

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We are the National Organization Responding Against HUJE that conspire to destroy the Green space and other industries (**NORAHG**). As a non-profit and independent organization, we are environmentalists who are dedicated to reporting about Truth-Challenged Pesticide-Hating Fanatics who conspire to destroy businesses that are dependent on their use of conventional pest control products. We also report on the work of Respected and Highly-Rated Experts who promote Environmental Realism and Pesticide Truths.

<http://wp.me/p1jq40-8DV> If you wish to receive free reports on issues that concern you, please contact us at ... force.of.de.nature@gmail.com

NORAHG is the sworn enemy of lying, pompous, smug, uneducated, and pesticide-hating enviro-fanatics. Overwhelming scientific evidence clearly demonstrates that pest control products are scientifically-safe, and will NOT cause harm to children, adults, animals, or the environment.

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<http://wp.me/p1jq40-6Q6> <http://wp.me/p1jq40-5ni> Enviro-fanatics have shown that they are incapable of processing overwhelming scientific evidence. Do you want to trust these fanatics, who conveniently ignore scientific evidence, and attempt to impose their twisted life-style choices against our society !?! NORAHG was the brainchild of Mr William H Gathercole and his colleagues in 1991. Mr Gathercole is now retired, although his name continues to appear as founder. We Dare To Defy The Pesticide-Hating Fanatics By Exploring The Whole Truth From An Independent Perspective On The Pesticide Truths Web-Site ...

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