

STATEMENT

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Bay Area Air District statement on Trump's decision to dismantle the Clean Power Plan

SAN FRANCISCO – Statement by Jack Broadbent, executive officer of the Bay Area Air Quality Management District, on President Donald Trump's decision to dismantle the Clean Power Plan:

"In the wake of record-breaking wildfires and hurricanes that have decimated the U.S., the Trump administration has announced a directive today to order the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to rewrite the Clean Power Plan and jeopardize hard-fought climate gains. The effects of climate change are being realized worldwide as global temperatures rise and catastrophic weather patterns escalate.

The Clean Power Plan works to reduce harmful greenhouse gas emissions from power plants and transition to cleaner energy sources. Because power plants make up such a large portion of greenhouse gas emissions, the health and air quality repercussions are tremendous.

The Bay Area leads the nation in innovative, effective climate initiatives and our efforts will continue, even in the absence of common-sense policies at the national level. The Trump administration's unrelenting attempts to jeopardize public health in favor of archaic energy sources are misguided at best and vindictive at worst."

The <u>Bay Area Air Quality Management District</u> is the regional agency responsible for protecting air quality in the nine-county Bay Area. Connect with the Air District via <u>Twitter</u>, <u>Facebook</u>, and <u>YouTube</u>.

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