

EPA Endangerment Finding Repeal: Business Leaders Warn Against Climate Science Rejection

Abandoning Science-Based Policy Creates Risk for Businesses and Communities

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-- The Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) repeal of the [2009 Endangerment Finding](#) took effect today, eliminating the agency's legal authority to regulate greenhouse gas emissions as pollutants harmful to public health and welfare. Business leaders warn this reversal undermines the regulatory certainty essential for long-term investment and economic planning, as well as abandons the EPA's legal obligation to protect communities' health and the environment.



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The original Endangerment Finding was based on comprehensive scientific evidence demonstrating that greenhouse gas emissions endanger public health and welfare. Climate change – driven primarily by fossil fuels – is already causing measurable impacts on communities, infrastructure, and business operations nationwide. Clean energy alternatives have proven to be cost-competitive,

reliable, and beneficial for energy security.

Regulatory instability forces businesses to make decisions in a vacuum of uncertainty, hampering strategic planning and capital allocation. Rather than “cutting red tape,” reducing costs, or improving economic conditions for American families, this repeal creates a fragmented regulatory landscape that increases compliance complexity and business risk. This decision puts businesses and the future of our communities and environment at great risk.

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