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Trump Pick for EPA Charts the Wrong Course for Our Health and Our Environment

Today, President-Elect Donald Trump selected Oklahoma Attorney General Scott Pruitt as his Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The Center for Progressive Reform (CPR) released the following statement on the pick:

Robert Verchick, CPR President, on EPA Administrator nominee Scott Pruitt:

"Donald Trump's choice of Oklahoma Attorney General Scott Pruitt to serve as EPA Administrator is a clear indication that the administration plans a full-throated assault on environmental protections. The Trump EPA transition team has made clear its intention to try to roll back years, if not decades, of environmental progress that has protected all Americans from pollution, major health problems, and toxic chemicals.

"From skepticism about the reality of climate change and a dismissive posture toward toxic pollution to the foolhardy goals of withdrawing from the Paris climate change accord and trashing the Clean Power Plan and the Clean Water Rule, Trump and Company have set the stage for regressive environmental policies that will hurt each and every American. Pruitt, an ally of the fossil fuel industry and a staunch opponent of the Clean Power Plan, appears eager to enact that destructive agenda."

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