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Environmental Protection Is Just a Waste of Money!

Donald Trump Wants to Do Away with the Environmental Protection Agency

From The Huff Post: 11 Reasons Why Trump's Climate-Denying EPA Guy Could Spell Disaster For The Environment

[Donald Trump](#) has made no secret of his disdain for America's [Environmental Protection Agency](#). In October, he promised to cut EPA regulations "70 to 80 percent". In explaining how he will cut spending to pay for tax cuts, he has singled out the Environmental Protection Agency for budget cuts, [promising](#) to "get rid of [EPA] in almost every form. We are going to have little tidbits left but we are going to take a tremendous amount out." - Trump, March 2016

[In reality, [EPA's entire budget](#) equals about one percent of the national deficit, [estimated at \\$590 billion](#) for 2016.]

Looks like Trump picked the right guy to head his environmental transition team: Myron Ebell of the Competitive Enterprise Institute (a group that makes The Heritage Foundation look like a bunch of RINOs). Ebell will help steer federal agencies that address climate and environmental policy. The EPA's mission is to "protect human health and the environment."

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Marijuana Legislation Wins.

AAA Loses.

This election year, voters in four states decided to legalize recreational marijuana use. (California, Maine, Massachusetts, and Nevada.) Another four states approved medical marijuana (Montana, Arkansas, Florida, and North Dakota).



Not so AAA. "AAA opposes measures to legalize recreational marijuana use, and recommends a "no" vote on both California's Proposition 64 and Maine's Question 1."

AAA blamed legalization for doubling the auto accident fatalities in the State of Washington, while admitting that this was uncertain as blame was not assessed in each accident.

AAA joined casino magnate Sheldon Adelson who almost single-handedly funded the opposition to legal pot there, giving a total of \$3.35 million to legalization opponents, or about 97 percent of their total fundraising. Adelson also gave half a million dollars to the opposition campaign in Arizona where the marijuana initiative lost 52-48.

Meanwhile, evidence suggests that [highway fatalities are at record lows](#) in places like Colorado, where they have legalized recreational marijuana.

Just in case it needs saying, BWC does not in anyway support driving under the influence of any substance.

But Better World Club took no position on these various initiatives, while AAA did.

[We just wanted you to know AAA's position.](#)

What are your thoughts? [Let us know](#) using #AAAnot4pot





The Leon Russell Isn't the Only Artist Who Died Last Week.

We'll Miss Clarence Ditlow, Director of The Center for Auto Safety (Which, Last Year, Received \$5,000 of Better World Club's 1% of Revenue Donations)

Guardian Angel For America's Motorists
by Ralph Nader

America's motorists are less safe today with the passing of their Guardian Angel—engineer/lawyer Clarence Ditlow, the Director of the Center for Auto Safety. The generating force behind the recalls of millions of defective motor vehicles, Mr. Ditlow pressured the federal auto safety agency and the auto companies with meticulous advocacy that was technically deep and morally powerful.

Read the rest of the article [here](#)

We're Already Shaking!

Atlantic Coast Business Leaders Meet with Obama Administration Over Opposition to Seismic Testing for Offshore Oil and Gas



Over 12,000 businesses seek protection for local coastal economies

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Washington, DC—A delegation from the Business Alliance for Protecting the Atlantic Coast (BAPAC) meet today with Administration officials who will decide the future of oil and gas exploration that will effect local economies along the Atlantic seaboard.

Over 12,000 businesses and 400,000 commercial fishing families are represented on a letter to the President calling on him not to proceed with allowing seismic airgun blasting to search for oil and gas deposits, an exploration method that puts fishing, tourism and recreation economies at risk. The businesses oppose seismic testing for oil and gas and the industrialization that would come with offshore drilling.

Seismic airgun testing is a dangerous process that blasts extremely loud sound waves miles below the seafloor in a hunt for oil deposits. One seismic vessel can tow up to 96 airguns that can cover an area 21 times larger than the National Mall in Washington DC. These blasts are repeated every 10-12 seconds and can be heard for thousands of miles and creating one of the loudest manmade noises in the oceans. Seismic testing under just one approved permit can go on for up to an entire year. The Administration is currently reviewing over a half dozen of these permits to explore the same area.

The letter campaign was coordinated by the Business Alliance for Protecting the Atlantic Coast (BAPAC), which is dedicated to protecting the long term health and economic vitality of the Atlantic seaboard through the responsible stewardship of the coastal and ocean waters. Along the Atlantic coast, nearly 1.4 million jobs and over \$95 billion in gross domestic product—mainly through fishing, tourism and recreation—rely on a healthy ocean ecosystem.

The Obama Administration reversed course on its plan to allow Mid and South-Atlantic offshore drilling earlier this year. The next administration can reinstate that process once in office and include the Atlantic in the next five-year plan. BAPAC is asking the Obama Administration to deny all current seismic airgun testing permits for oil and gas in the Atlantic. President Obama needs to finish the job protecting coastal economies and use his authority to permanently protect the Atlantic Coast.

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