



# ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

The Budget continues a return to common sense environmental policy that works for Americans by providing clean water, clean air, and clean lands. The President’s Budget ensures that the Agency can carry out its core mission and statutory responsibilities while eliminating wasteful, radical Green New Scam spending and regulatory overreach, resetting a proper balance between the Federal Government and States, and Powering the Great American Comeback.

The Budget requests \$4.2 billion in discretionary budget authority for the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for 2027, a \$4.6 billion or 52-percent decrease from the 2026 enacted level.

## THE PRESIDENT’S 2027 BUDGET:

### *Investments*

- **Permitting.** The Budget provides resources to cut through the red tape hampering critical infrastructure projects that reduce costs for Americans, from moving forward. The Budget requests an additional \$14 million for web-based permitting tools such as NEPAassist that slash bureaucratic hurdles, reduce infrastructure permitting timelines, and alleviate burdens on project sponsors, developers, and agencies. These investments would fulfill the President’s Executive Order 14514, “Unleashing American Energy” and the Presidential Memorandum Updating Permitting Technology for the 21st Century, reducing energy costs by encouraging the use the Nation’s plentiful resources.
- **Drinking Water.** The Budget includes \$122 million in funding for the critical drinking water mission at EPA, protecting Americans, and especially children, from unsafe or contaminated water. A \$7 million increase from the 2026 enacted level would enable EPA to respond to drinking water disasters quickly and efficiently, while also retaining critical functions such as permitting review. The Budget also prioritizes funding for Tribes by increasing funding for the Indian Reservation Drinking Water Program by \$27 million to ensure Tribes continue to improve their drinking water and wastewater access.

### *Program Cuts and Eliminations*

- **Environmental Justice.** The Budget continues the full elimination of EPA’s radical diversity, equity, and inclusion programs and instead restores civil rights protections for all Americans. This elimination puts an end to taxpayer funded programs that promote divisive racial discrimination and so-called “environmental

justice” grants to organizations that advance discriminatory and radical ideological projects. By eliminating this program, the Budget finally puts an end to wasteful spending on grants including:

- Environmental justice into vacant lot management;
  - Latinx workshops on environmental justice;
  - Tiny homes for immigrants;
  - Educating refugee communities on fish consumption;
  - Collecting, repackaging, and distributing reused food;
  - Installing garden beds in parkways; and
  - Developing school curriculum on woke topics like “climate change” and the alleged injustices it creates.
- **Atmospheric Protection Program.** The Administration continues to propose eliminating this program, saving taxpayers \$100 million. This program exists to impose unnecessary and extreme climate change regulations on businesses, stifling economic growth and hurting American families. By prioritizing the cult of “climate change” over job creation and energy independence, the program has burdened American industries with costly mandates, ultimately hurting consumers and taxpayers. In addition, the program has spent taxpayer dollars on wasteful activities such as:
    - Preferencing the recruitment of Mexican shipping carrier companies into the SmartWay transport program to reduce their emissions;
    - Conducting skewed and woke “analyses” of equity and environmental justice as it relates to greenhouse gases; and
    - Biased initiatives to address “urban challenges” and sustainable development in “disadvantaged communities.”
  - **State Revolving Funds (SRF).** States should be responsible for funding their own water infrastructure projects, but instead these projects are heavily subsidized by EPA programs that do not operate as originally intended. The SRF programs have also been heavily earmarked by the Congress for projects that are ultimately not repaid into the program and bypass States’ interests and planning. The SRFs also received a massive investment through the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA). The Budget proposes to prevent waste and return the SRFs to their intended structure of funds revolving at the State level by saving the taxpayer over \$2.5 billion.
  - **Categorical Grants.** EPA’s numerous Categorical Grant programs have become a crutch for States at the expense of taxpayers—many of whom receive no benefit from these grants. With most environmental statutes (e.g., the Clean Air Act, Clean Water Act, etc.) having been on the books for several decades, States and local governments should be capable and empowered to fund their own environmental programs in order to comply with the laws. That is why the Budget continues to cut over \$1 billion from Categorical Grant programs. For example, the 2027 Budget eliminates:
    - \$580,000 for race-based “environmental justice” teams doing product certifications in Nevada.
  - **Hazardous Substance Superfund.** EPA’s Superfund program is charged with cleaning up contaminated areas and responding to emergencies, such as oil spills and natural disasters. The Congress imposed large taxes in IIJA and the Inflation Reduction Act to finance most of the Superfund program. Between the \$1.7 billion in taxes estimated to be available in 2027, litigation recoveries from responsible parties, and

\$290 million in 2027 appropriations, there is no need for additional funding for Superfund cleanup, which is reflected in the Budget. The cut also includes the Superfund funding for environmental justice that promoted woke racial discrimination. Activities that the 2027 Budget eliminates through this cut include:

- LGBTQIA+ workshop events;
  - Black and Hispanic Engineer conventions; and
  - “Culturally appropriate” fish-consumption communication.
- **Research and Development.** The Budget puts an end to unrestrained research grants, woke environmental justice work, radical climate research, and skewed, overly-precautionary modeling that influences regulations—none of which are authorized by law. Instead, the Budget requests \$277 million for statutorily required research in support of core mission areas that help the American people. Previously this program funded unrestrained and wasteful research grants to:
    - Address “Hispanic environmental justice”;
    - Create a climate change equity tracker; and
    - Create an “energy-justice model” for freight vehicle electrification.
  - **Diesel Emissions Reduction Act (DERA) Grants.** The Budget again proposes to eliminate this unnecessary and wasteful program, saving taxpayers \$90 million. These grants are an unfair handout using taxpayer dollars. Grants under DERA distort the market by subsidizing select technologies, picking winners, and subverting consumer choice, such as:
    - \$2 million to San Diego to purchase an electric tug boat;
    - \$9 million to buy electric buses for Central Florida Regional Transportation Authority; and
    - \$518,000 to Goodwill Industries of New Mexico to cover 45 percent of the cost to buy electric semitruck tractors. 🦅

