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SUBCOMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT**

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Thank you, Chairman Palmer, Ranking Member Tonko, and members of the committee. I appreciate the opportunity to appear before you today to discuss the President's Fiscal Year (FY) 2027 Budget Request for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

From day one, I have made it clear that we are going to fix the mess we inherited, and reaffirm our commitment to cooperative federalism, understanding that the best solutions are found outside of Washington.

Last year, EPA political and career leadership worked to reorganize the agency workforce to support EPA's mission, fulfill statutory obligations, protect human health and the environment, and Power the Great American Comeback.

This past January, at the one-year mark of President Trump's term in office, I announced 500 top environmental wins during that first year. These actions directly advance our agency's core mission.

EPA environmental accomplishments these past 15 months include the signing of our historic agreement with the Mexican government to end the decades-long Tijuana River sewage crisis. Highlights also include responding to the Potomac River interceptor collapse, accelerated enforcement efforts to stop foreigners from profiting off sending poisons and pollution to the United States, and unlocking billions of dollars in funding to reduce lead in drinking water.

Our commitment to gold standard science at EPA guided our decision to bolster scientists in our national program offices and establish the Office of Applied Science and Environmental Solutions.

We inherited a backlog of chemicals and pesticides from the Biden administration. The Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention has worked tirelessly to bring down this backlog while keeping pace with new incoming reviews. With the addition of new technologies and scientists, our team of dedicated career and political staff has made tremendous strides.

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At the same time, I announced last March the largest deregulatory action in our nation's history. This announcement consisted of 31 actions to apply common sense, unleash U.S. energy dominance, and strengthen the American economy.

In February of this year, we proudly announced the elimination of the 2009 Endangerment Finding. This has been the source of 16 years of consumer choice restrictions and trillions of dollars in regulatory costs for Americans.

The Trump EPA believes growing our economy, bringing down costs, and protecting the environment is ALL achievable and we are proving it every day.

President Trump is committed to rebuilding reliable baseload power, including coal, which is vital to our national security and to the wallets of taxpaying Americans.

The Biden EPA tried hard to strangulate coal out of existence, and we are urgently reversing that damage.

Meanwhile, I fulfilled a commitment I made during my confirmation to visit all 50 states as EPA Administrator, and I completed that effort in just 9.5 months. I heard from many of your constituents about the hardships burdensome regulations cause.

Faithfully abiding by the Supreme Court's decision in Sackett, we are working to finalize a clear, durable Waters of the United States rule.

We're reigning in federal overreach and gutting the prior Administration's so-called "good neighbor" rule, which was used on an ill-advised expansion of federal jurisdiction. The good news is that EPA is now once again working closely with our state partners on their State Implementation Plans (SIPS).

We are committed to advancing cooperative federalism and recognize the important responsibility EPA shares with our state air agency partners to ensure clean air for all Americans.

The Trump EPA is serious about ensuring future generations inherit clean air, land, water, and the foundation for healthy lives. That is why I recently announced alongside HHS Secretary Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., that EPA is adding microplastics and pharmaceuticals to our Contaminant Candidate List for the first time ever.

The President's FY 2027 Budget will continue to make EPA efficient and effective stewards of Americans' hard-earned taxpayer dollars and fulfill all our statutory obligations and our core mission. This budget proposal captures significant efficiencies and a returned focus on what Congress has directed us to do, demonstrating our commitment to a leaner, more efficient, and accountable EPA focused on environmental work that directly benefits the American people.

I look forward to answering your questions. Thank you.

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