

 The bill President Trump signed —dubbed the "Big Beautiful Bill"—makes sweeping changes that significantly roll back environmental protections and funding. Here's a breakdown of what it took away from environmental issues:

Cuts to Clean Energy & Climate Programs

- Eliminated tax credits for clean energy initiatives, including solar, wind, and electric vehicles.
- Terminated funding for the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund, which supported pollution-reducing projects in vulnerable communities.
- Slashed Department of Energy spending on clean energy research and development.

Boosts to Fossil Fuels

- Expanded domestic production of oil, coal, and natural gas.
- Zeroed out penalties for automakers violating fuel efficiency standards.
- Delayed methane emissions fees for oil and gas producers by 10 years.

Environmental Justice Rollbacks

- Terminated nearly 800 EPA environmental justice grants, which supported community efforts to monitor pollution and fight climate-related health risks.
- Defunded programs created under the Inflation Reduction Act that helped low-income and minority communities combat environmental hazards.

Public Lands & Recreation

- While the bill cuts environmental protections, Trump also signed an executive order establishing the Make America Beautiful Again Commission, aimed at expanding access to public lands and recreation—but critics argue it prioritizes deregulation over conservation.

This legislation marks a major shift in U.S. environmental policy, favoring fossil fuel development and corporate tax breaks over climate action and community health reactions.