



GOV. MIKE PENCE: ABYSMAL ENVIRONMENTAL RECORD

AS GOVERNOR, PENCE ACTIVELY OPPOSED EFFORTS TO FIGHT CARBON POLLUTION & ALLOWED HIS CONSTITUENTS' ENERGY RATES TO INCREASE

REFUSED TO COMPLY WITH THE CLEAN POWER PLAN; WAS WARY OF THE EPA, AND SUPPORTED LAWSUIT AGAINST THE AGENCY'S RULE

Pence Refused To Comply With The Clean Power Plan, And Applauded When The State's Attorney General Joined A Lawsuit Against The Rule. In June 2015, Pence sent a letter to President Obama saying that his state of Indiana would not comply with the EPA's Clean Power Plan "unless proposed EPA regulations for power plants are significantly 'improved' before the agency finalizes them ... In his letter to the White House, Pence did not explicitly outline what changes he hopes to see from EPA, but claimed that the regulation 'fails to strike the proper balance between the health of the environment and the health of the economy,' and warned that it will drive up the cost of electricity." In an October 2015 press release, after the EPA had published its finalized Clean Power Plan rule, Pence stated, "I firmly believe that the EPA's carbon dioxide regulation exceeds the authority granted to the EPA by Congress under the Clean Air Act, and I am pleased that our Attorney General is working with attorneys general from across the country to invalidate the regulation in court." [National Journal, [6/24/15](#); Gov. Pence Press Release, [10/23/15](#)]

Pence: "I Have Been Particularly Concerned" With The EPA; Clean Power Plan Will Be "Especially Harmful" To Indiana Ratepayers. In a July 2013 interview with Electric Consumer, Pence said, "I have been particularly concerned about the actions of the federal level with the Environmental Protection Agency. We weighed in recently on a new set of rules that are being proposed by the EPA that we think will be especially harmful in the long term to utility ratepayers in Indiana. We are the fourth most dependent state in America on coal-burning power plants. While we will always continue to promote diversification of our energy industry, we know where our strength is." [Electric Consumer, [7/1/13](#)]

REFUSED TO ACT ON ENERGY EFFICIENCY LEGISLATION, EFFECTIVELY ALLOWING INDIANANS' ENERGY RATES TO INCREASE

Pence Refused To Act On Legislation That Would End Indiana's Energy Efficiency Program; Program Powered Nearly 78,000 Homes In The State, And Help Indiana Ratepayers Save Money On Their Monthly Bills. In March 2014, Pence refused to take action on a bill that would "end Indiana's state-wide energy efficiency program which will now, by default, become law. By Indiana law if the governor does not sign or veto a bill, it becomes law on its own ... Gov. Pence indicated that he would call on the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission to develop a new energy efficiency program that will include an opt-out for large electricity consumers, which was the original goal of the Indiana Senators who first introduced the bill. The Energizing Indiana Program, launched two years ago by former governor Mitch Daniels, charges utility customers a small monthly fee on their energy bill — the average household pays \$2/month — and the money is used to conduct energy audits, weatherization programs and rebates on energy-saving appliances. The program's website says it's saved enough energy in the past two years to power nearly 78,000 homes in Indiana. Just last year, Purdue University's State Utility Forecasting Group released a study predicting that Indiana's energy efficiency program would save 1,800 megawatts in peak energy demand by 2022. Those savings could help avoid the construction of new power plants which are ultimately paid for rate-payers." [Think Progress, [3/31/14](#)]

Courier-Journal Headline: "Gov. Mike Pence Allows Energy Efficiency Program To Die." [Courier-Journal, [3/28/14](#)]

DOESN'T ACCEPT CLIMATE SCIENCE



Pence: Climate Change Is Not A “Resolved Issue ... I Remember Back In The 70s We Were Talking About The Coming Ice Age.” During a February 2014 interview, Pence said, “I don't know that that is a resolved issue in science today ... just a few years ago we were talking about global warming. We haven't seen a lot of warming lately. I remember back in the 70's we were talking about the coming ice age.” [MSNBC, [2/21/14](#)]

PENCE’S RECORD IN CONGRESS CONTINUES HIS PATTERN OF OPPOSING CLIMATE SCIENCE, REPEATEDLY SUPPORTING BIG OIL & THEIR TAX BREAKS, AND WEAKENING CLEAN AIR/CLEAN WATER SAFEGUARDS

DIDN'T ACCEPT CLIMATE SCIENCE THEN, EITHER

Pence: “Global Warming Is A Myth.” In an April 2001 web archive of his website, Pence wrote, “Global warming is a myth. The global warming treaty is a disaster. There, I said it. Just like the "new ice age" scare of the 1970's, the environmental movement has found a new chant for their latest 'chicken little' attempt to raise taxes and grow centralized governmental power. The chant is 'the sky is warming! the sky is warming!' ... Here's the deal. Environmentalists claim that certain 'greenhouse gases' like carbon dioxide are mucking up the atmosphere and causing the earth to gradually warm. Despite the fact that CO2 is a naturally occurring phenomenon in nature, the greenpeace folks want to blame it all on coal (another natural mineral) and certain (evil) coal burning power plants. The theory is; get rid of the (evil) coal burning plants and we save the planet from imminent doom.” [Mike Pence website, [4/15/01](#)]

Pence: “Even If There Was Global Warming (There Isn't) ... “The Stupidity And Blatant Unfairness” Of The Kyoto Treaty “Requires No Additional Comment.” In an April 2001 web archive of his website, Pence wrote, “Even if there was global warming (there isn't), the Global Climate Treaty brokered by Vice President Al Gore in Kyoto, Japan last year is hardly the answer. The treaty calls for industrialized nations (us and Europe) to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases to pre-1990 levels while asking developing nations to do nothing. China and Indonesia (population 2.2 Billion) have said they would never enter into the restrictions in the treaty but think it's a really good idea if we do. The stupidity and blatant unfairness of this treaty requires no additional comment ... Say no to the global warming treaty.” [Mike Pence website, [4/15/01](#)]

TWICE VOTED AGAINST ACCEPTING SCIENTIFIC REALITY OF CLIMATE CHANGE

Pence Voted To Eliminate Funding For Climate Change Education Program; Legislation’s Author “Considers Himself A Skeptic Of Global Warming,” And Called Climate Science “Bunk.” In May 2012, Pence voted for legislation that would “cut off funding to a National Science Foundation program that funds climate change education ... The Climate Change Education program was originally introduced in President Obama’s 2012 budget ... The amendment drew criticism from environmental activists. The education advocacy director for the National Wildlife Foundation told the [Duluth News Tribune](#) that the amendment is ‘an effort to keep our children in the dark about the science of climate change. It’s an attack on our children’s future’ ... [Legislation sponsor Chip] Cravaack told Minnesota Public Radio that he considers himself a skeptic of global warming. While running for election in 2010, he called climate change science ‘bunk.’” [MinnPost, [5/10/12](#); H.R.5326, Vote 241, [5/9/12](#)]

Pence Voted For Bill That Would “Overturn The EPA’s Finding” That Greenhouse Gases “Pose A Danger To Human Health And The Environment.” In April 2011, Pence voted for passage of the bill that would prohibit the EPA from regulating greenhouse gases in any effort to address climate change. According to the [New York Times](#), the bill would “overturn the E.P.A.’s finding that carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases pose a danger to human health and the



environment. That finding, based on a broad scientific consensus, is the basis for pending regulation of carbon emissions from vehicles and large stationary sources like power plants, factories and refineries.” The bill passed 255-172. [CQ; HR 910, [Vote 249](#), 4/07/11; [New York Times](#), [4/5/11](#)]

VOTED TO PROTECT HANDOUTS AND TAX BREAKS FOR BIG OIL

Pence Voted Against Directing Super Committee to Prioritize Cutting Subsidies for Oil and Gas and Corporate Aircraft Before Cutting Education. In July 2011, Pence voted against a motion to recommit the a bill raising the debt limit to the Rules Committee with instructions that it be reported back immediately with an amendment that would direct the bipartisan committee created by the bill and charged with finding \$1.8 trillion in spending cuts to prioritize cutting subsidies for major oil and gas companies and corporate aircraft before cutting funding for education. The motion was rejected 183-244. [CQ; S 627, [Vote 676](#), 7/29/11]

Pence Voted to Protect Tax Breaks for Big Oil Companies. In March 2011, Pence voted against a measure that would have repealed oil and gas production tax breaks for major integrated oil companies for the proposed two week period in the House budget continuing resolution. Rep. William Keating, who offered the motion to recommit, said, “Our alternative is an alternative of sensible spending cuts. Let’s stop sending taxpayer money to the most profitable companies in the world.” The motion failed, 176-249. [CQ Today, [3/01/11](#); HJR 44, [Vote 153](#), 3/01/11]

REPEATEDLY VOTED IN FAVOR OF OFFSHORE DRILLING

Pence Wanted A Vote On Lifting A Moratorium On Offshore Drilling. In August 2008, nearly 90 Republican members of the House protested Nancy Pelosi’s decision to reuse a vote to “life a moratorium on offshore drilling.” Pence said on the House floor, “The American people deserve more access to American oil, and Congress should be in session until we vote.” [Christian Science Monitor, [8/12/08](#)]

Following 2010 BP Gulf Oil Spill, Pence Voted Against Stronger Safety Standards For Drilling Leases. In July 2012, Pence voted against legislation requiring that “companies looking for new drilling leases would have to abide by stronger safety standards learned from the BP spill” of April 2010. The amendment was rejected 189-232. [H.R.6092, [Vote 506](#), 7/25/12; House Natural Resources Committee, [7/25/12](#)]

Pence Voted to Increase Offshore Drilling Leases in the Gulf of Mexico and Off the Coast of Virginia. In May 2011, Pence voted for a bill that would require the Interior Department to conduct certain oil and natural gas lease sales in the Gulf of Mexico and off the coast of Virginia. The bill would deem that the existing environmental impact statement issued for the current department five-year plan for 2007-2011 is sufficient to satisfy environmental requirements for the sales. The bill passed 266-149. [HR 1230, [Vote 298](#), 5/05/11]

Pence Voted to Expedite Offshore Drilling Permitting. In May 2011, Pence voted for passage of the bill that would modify the permitting process for lessees in the Gulf of Mexico seeking to initiate exploratory drilling. It would provide the Interior Department 30 days to approve such permits, with the option of extending reviews by two 15-day periods. If the department does not issue a ruling on an application within 60 days, it would be deemed approved. The measure also would limit and expedite the process for filing a civil action in response to an approved drilling permit. The bill passed 263-163. [CQ; HR 1229, [Vote 309](#), 5/11/11]

Pence Voted to Expand Drilling in Outer Continental Shelf. In May 2011, Pence voted for passage of the bill that would require the Interior Department to expand the area of the outer continental shelf that is available for oil and natural gas drilling, and set a national goal for domestic oil and gas production in its five-year leasing plan. In a speech on the House



floor, Berg said, "America's families and small businesses are hurting. Gas prices are over \$4 a gallon. Energy bills are hindering business growth. National unemployment remains a very high 9 percent. There is enormous potential in the gulf for energy development that can help turn our country's problems around. Our addiction to foreign energy is not sustainable. It threatens our national security. It's time to invest our resources that we have here in the United States. We need to lower energy costs and get Americans back to work. As a member of the House Energy Action Team and a proud North Dakotan, I'm committed to working hard towards a national long-term energy policy. Let's pass this bill, get the gulf back to work and break our dependence on foreign oil." The bill passed 243-179. [HR 1231, [Vote 320](#), 5/12/11; Congressional Record, 5/11/11]

VOTED FOR KEYSTONE XL PIPELINE & TRIED TO RUSH THE OBAMA ADMINISTRATION INTO APPROVING IT...

Pence Voted To Require The President To Approve The Keystone XL Pipeline Within 60 Days Of The Bill Becoming A Law. In 2011, Pence voted to require the President to approve the Keystone XL Pipeline within 60 days of the bill becoming a law. The bill required President Obama to approve the Keystone XL pipeline within 60 days of the bill becoming law unless "it is determined that the pipeline is not in the national interest." The bill passed 234-193. [CQ Floor Vote, 12/13/11; HR 3630, [Vote 923](#), 12/13/11]

NOTE: This provision was passed by unanimous consent in HR 2765 which extended Social Security payroll tax cuts, long-term unemployment benefits, and prohibited Medicare doctor reimbursement rates from being cut for two months. [CQ House Action Report, 12/23/11]

Pence Voted to Require Administration Make Permitting Decision on Keystone XL Oil Pipeline. In July 2011, Pence voted for passage of a bill that would require the administration to make a permitting decision on the Keystone XL oil pipeline within 30 days after the final environmental impact statement is issued or by Nov. 1, whichever is earlier. It would direct the president, working through the Energy secretary, to coordinate with federal agencies to make sure necessary review stages are expedited. The bill passed 279-147. [HR 1938, [Vote 650](#), 7/26/11]

... WITHOUT PUTTING INTO PLACE ADEQUATE SAFEGUARDS

Pence Voted Against Requiring Study Analyzing Risks of Keystone XL Oil Pipeline Before Permit Decision. In July 2011, Pence voted against an amendment to a bill regarding the Keystone XL Oil Pipeline Permit that would require that the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) complete a study analyzing the risks associated with transporting diluted bitumen and whether current regulations are sufficient before the president would be required to make a permitting decision. It also would add a finding to the bill stating that the administrator testified at a congressional hearing that the PHMSA had not yet performed such an analysis. The amendment was rejected 163-264. [HR 1938, [Vote 642](#), 7/26/11]

Pence Voted Against Amendment to Require Operators of Keystone XL Oil Pipeline Are Prepared to Respond to "Worst Case Oil Spill Scenario" Before Permitting. In July 2011, Pence voted against an amendment to a bill regarding the Keystone XL Oil Pipeline Permit that would allow a permit approving the pipeline to be issued only if the applicant has received a certification from the Energy secretary and the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration stating that the applicant is prepared to respond to a "worst-case oil spill scenario." The amendment was rejected 168-260. [HR 1938, [Vote 646](#), 7/26/11]

VOTED EIGHT TIMES TO WEAKEN OR DELAY EPA'S AIR POLLUTION REGULATIONS

Pence Voted To Prevent Air Pollution Regulations From Going Into Effect. In 2011, Pence voted to prevent air pollution



regulations from going into effect. The bill would exempt what is called “nuisance dust” from regulation under the Clean Air Act. The bill defines “nuisance dust” as particulate matter “Generated primarily from natural sources, unpaved roads, agricultural activities, earth moving, or other activities typically conducted in rural areas.” The bill passed 268-150. [[Salt Lake Tribune](#), 12/10/11; CQ Floor Votes, 12/08/11; HR 1633, [Vote 912](#), 12/08/11]

- **Pence Voted to Ensure EPA Could Continue to Regulate Dangerous Particulate Containing Lead, Asbestos.** Pence even voted against a motion to ensure that the Environmental Protection Agency would continue to be allowed to regulate particulate containing cadmium, lead or asbestos released from mining activities and from demolition and renovation. The motion failed 166-252. [CQ Floor Votes, 12/08/11; HR 1633, [Vote 911](#), 12/08/11]

Pence Voted to Delay Implementation of Air Pollution Standards for Cement Plants. In October 2011, Pence voted to pass a bill to delay implementation of air pollution standards for cement plants. The bill would nullify certain EPA emissions standards for cement plants and other related equipment and require the agency to repropose and finalize the rules 15 months after the bill's enactment. The agency would be required to allow affected plants at least five years to comply after the regulations become effective. The bill passed 262-161. [HR 2681, [Vote 764](#), 10/06/11]

- **Pence Voted Against Adding Language That Mercury Released By Cement Plants Can Damage Infants’ Brains.** In October 2011, Pence voted against an amendment to a bill to curb EPA emissions rules for cement plants that would add a finding to the bill to state that mercury released into the atmosphere by cement plants "is a potent neurotoxin that can damage the development of an infant's brain." The amendment was rejected 175-248. [CQ Today, 10/05/11; HR 2681, [Vote 750](#), 10/05/11]
- **Pence Voted Against Allowing the EPA to Continue Enforcing Existing Air Pollution Standards for Cement Kilns if Emissions Impair Children’s Development.** In October 2011, Berg voted against an amendment to a bill to curb EPA emissions rules for cement plants that would allow the EPA to continue enforcing existing air pollution standards for cement kilns if those emissions impede brain development or cause learning disabilities in infants and children. The amendment was defeated, 166-246. [CQ Today, 10/05/11; HR 2681, [Vote 747](#), 10/05/11]

Pence Voted to Weaken the Ability of the EPA to Regulate Air Pollution, Require An Analysis of Cumulative Cost of EPA Regulations. In September 2011, Pence voted to require the president to establish a committee to conduct an analysis of the cumulative cost of certain EPA regulations. It would change the way the EPA can use scientific data to regulate air pollution across state borders. The amended measure (HR 2401), passed 249-169, was originally introduced to establish a Cabinet-level committee to study the cumulative impact of a number of EPA regulations and actions on power plants. It was later amended in committee to include implementation delays of two major EPA air pollution regulations, setting back tougher rules on mercury and toxic emissions from fossil fuel-powered utilities, as well as a rule requiring 27 states to reduce utility emissions that impact air quality in downwind states. [CQ Today, 9/23/11; HR 2401, [Vote 741](#), 9/23/11]

- **Pence Voted to Delay Federal Air Pollution Rules For At Least Four Years.** In September 2011, Pence voted for an amendment by Kentucky Republican Edward Whitfield that would further delay federal cross-state air pollution rules until at least 2015, though states would have to wait at least an additional three years to implement them. The amendment also would prohibit the EPA from using modeled data to determine the impact of pollution on downwind states, likely limiting the agency's ability to issue a cross-border rule in the future, EPA administrator Lisa Jackson said. The amendment also would push back air toxics standards for utilities by at least two years, though it also would require giving power plants at least five years to comply with the rules once they are issued. The amendment was adopted 234-188. [CQ Today, 9/23/11; HR 2401, [Vote 737](#), 9/23/11]
- **Pence Voted to Direct the EPA To Study Also Feasibility and Cost When Establishing Air Quality Standards,**



Negating a 2001 Court Decision. In September 2011, Pence voted for an amendment by Ohio Republican Bob Latta that would direct the EPA to account for feasibility and cost when establishing national ambient air quality standards, effectively negating a 2001 Supreme Court decision that upheld the EPA's practice of considering only public health concerns when setting the standards. The amendment was adopted 227-192. [CQ Today, 9/23/11; HR 2401, [Vote 738](#), 9/23/11]

VOTED TWICE TO WEAKEN EPA'S ABILITY TO PROTECT CLEAN WATER

Pence Voted to Limit Power of EPA to Regulate Water Pollution and Would Shift Power to States. In July 2011, Pence voted for passage of a bill that would prohibit the EPA from issuing a new or revised water-quality standard when a state standard has been approved by the agency, unless the state agrees that a new or revised standard is necessary to meet Clean Water Act requirements. It also would prohibit the EPA from withdrawing approval of a state program for issuing water quality permits or limiting federal financial assistance if the EPA disagrees with state water-quality standards or the implementation of federal guidance. It would allow states to assume and administer parts of a water-permitting program rather than all or none of it. The bill passed 239-184. [HR 2018, [Vote 573](#), 7/13/11]

Pence Voted To Prohibit EPA Or State Governments From Requiring Permits For Some Pesticides. In March 2011, Pence voted to prohibit the EPA or state governments from "requiring a permit for certain pesticides discharged into navigable waters." The bill passed 292-130. [HR 872, [Vote 206](#), 3/31/11; CQ Bill Analysis]

VOTED THREE TIMES AGAINST RENEWABLE ENERGY AND ENERGY-EFFICIENT FUNDING AND STANDARDS

Pence Voted to Repeal Energy-Efficient Standards for Light Bulbs. In July 2011, Pence voted to pass a bill that would repeal energy-efficiency standards for incandescent light bulbs scheduled to take effect in 2012. The bill also would eliminate \$30 million in authorized funding for Energy Department research, market assessments and consumer education related to energy-efficient lighting. The motion was rejected 233-193. Two-thirds of those present were required under suspension of the rules. [HR 2417, [Vote 563](#), 7/12/11]

Pence Voted Against Shifting Funding From Fossil-Fuel and Nuclear Energy to Renewable Energy Programs. In July 2011, Pence voted against an amendment to the FY 2012 Energy-Water Appropriations Bill that would increase funding for energy-efficiency and renewable-energy programs by \$100 million. It would offset the increase by reducing funding for nuclear energy programs by \$50 million and fossil-fuel energy programs by \$50 million. The amendment failed 154-266. [HR 2354, [Vote 541](#), 7/12/11]

Pence Voted Against Increasing Funding for Renewable Energy and Decreasing Funding for Fossil-Fuel Research. In July 2011, Pence voted against an amendment to the FY 2012 Energy-Water Appropriations Bill that would increase funding for energy-efficiency and renewable-energy programs by \$46 million and reduce funding for fossil-fuel energy research and development by \$99 million. The amendment was rejected 173-249. [HR 2354, [Vote 543](#), 7/12/11]

VOTED THREE TIMES TO REDUCE OR ELIMINATE FUNDING FOR CONSERVATION

Pence Voted to Eliminate the Funding for the Council and Office on Environmental Quality. In July 2011, Pence voted for an amendment to the FY 2012 Interior-Environment Appropriations bill that would eliminate the \$2.7 million in funding for the Council on Environmental Quality and Office of Environmental Quality and transfer the funds to the bill's spending reduction account. The amendment was rejected 198-227. [HR 2584, [Vote 668](#), 7/28/11]



Pence Voted to Slash Funding for Environmental Programs and Management by \$6.2 Million. In July 2011, Pence voted for an amendment to the FY 2012 Interior-Environment Appropriations bill that would decrease funding for the Environmental Programs and Management account by \$6.2 million and transfer the funds to the bill's spending reduction account. The amendment was adopted 235-191. [HR 2584, [Vote 661](#), 7/27/11]

Pence Voted for Spending Plan That Eliminated or Cut Conservation Programs. In February 2011, Pence voted for the Republican Continuing Resolution. Among programs that face substantial budget cuts or total elimination in HR 1, passed by the U.S. House of Representatives on Feb. 19, are the North American Wetlands Conservation Fund, farm bill conservation programs, the Land and Water Conservation Fund, State and Tribal Wildlife Grants and the Clean Water Act. [HR 1, Vote [147](#) , 2/19/11; [Great Falls Tribune](#), [3/31/11](#)]

THE STATISTICS

As A Member Of The House, Gov. Pence Took \$316,900 From Polluters. As a candidate for federal office, Gov. Pence took \$229,400 from the oil and gas industry, \$25,500 from the mining industry, and \$62,000 from the electric utilities industry. [Center for Responsive Politics, [accessed 7/12/16](#)]

Gov. Pence's Lifetime Score From LCV: 4 Percent. [LCV Scorecard, [accessed 7/12/16](#)]

Pence Didn't Vote For Trump In The Indiana Republican Primary, A Move That Was Seen As A "Quest To Deny" Trump The Republican Nomination. In the April 2016 Indiana republican primary, Pence voted for Ted Cruz. According to the [Texas Tribune](#), "That was despite the urging of Cruz supporters who see the Indiana primary as perhaps Cruz's last stand in his quest to deny frontrunner Donald Trump the Republican presidential nomination." [[Texas Tribune](#), [4/29/16](#)]

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