



## Donald Trump's Energy Policy Speech

[Tomorrow afternoon](#), on Thursday May 26<sup>th</sup> at 2pm EDT, Donald Trump will deliver the keynote address at the Williston Basin Petroleum Conference, hosted by the North Dakota Petroleum Council (NDPC). It has been widely reported that we can expect Trump to lay out his energy platform through this speech.

From what little we have heard about his energy policies so far, Trump's selection of Rep. Cramer as his energy advisor – a noted climate change denier – and his choice of venue at the NDPC all point to an energy policy in line with big polluters.

While we eagerly await more clarity on Trump's policy proposals, his denial of climate change, and pro-drilling, anti-EPA and anti-clean water and air protections statements, as well as his inconsistent approach to policy already shows how Trump does not have the judgement, character or temperament to be president.

### **The GOP Nominee: Donald Trump**

*Donald Trump Is a Climate Change Denier Who Would Gut the EPA, Putting Clean Air and Water At Risk*

**CLIMATE CHANGE.** 2016 is [slated](#) to be the warmest year on record, thanks to rising temperatures brought on by climate change. 2015 currently owns that [record](#), followed by 2014. 97 percent of climate scientists [agree](#) that warmer temperature trends over the past century are “very likely due to human activities.” In fact, scientists are “more [certain](#) than ever” that humans are actively changing the climate. Even the Pentagon has [warned](#) that climate change is a threat to national security. What's more, nearly two-thirds of the American people – a [record high](#) – believe that man-made climate change is real, including a [majority](#) of Trump's own supporters.

- **Donald Trump** has said that the “concept of global warming was [created](#) by and for the Chinese” to make the United States less competitive. He has also referred to climate change as “[bullsh\\*t](#),” a [hoax](#), and a [money-making industry](#).

**PARIS CLIMATE AGREEMENT.** In December 2015, [195 nations](#) – including the United States – came together for “an historic agreement to combat climate change and unleash actions and investment towards a low carbon, resilient and sustainable future ... The Paris Agreement for the first time brings all nations into a common cause based on their historic, current and future responsibilities.”

- **Donald Trump** would have [skipped](#) the summit, arguing that “there were more important things to do.” He recently added that he is “not a big fan” of the agreement, and that he would, “at a minimum,” [renegotiate](#) it.

**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY.** During the last year, the EPA has finalized two regulations that will greatly improve clean air and clean water protections. The nation's first federal limits on the amount of carbon pollution that power plants are allowed to dump into our air, the [Clean Power Plan](#) empowers states to craft their own plans to reduce carbon pollution and poll after poll has shown broad support for the measure. The [Clean Water Rule](#) helps protect clean water sources that are essential to our health, communities, and economy. Specifically, the rule protects streams and wetlands that are “scientifically shown to have the greatest impact on downstream water quality and form the foundation of our nations' water resources.” What's more, one in three Americans – approximately 117 million – get their drinking water from streams that are protected by the rule.

- **Donald Trump** has [repeatedly called](#) for [cutting](#) the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The EPA is charged with executing and enforcing the Clean Power Plan and the Clean Water Rule; if Trump eliminated funding the agency itself, both rules would effectively be nullified.



**WATER CRISIS IN FLINT, MICHIGAN.** In 2014, “Flint’s [drinking water](#) became tainted when the city switched from the Detroit water system and began drawing from the Flint River ... to save money. The impoverished city was under state control at the time. Regulators failed to ensure the water was treated properly and lead from aging pipes leached into the water supply. Elevated levels of lead have been found in some children’s blood. Lead contamination has been linked to learning disabilities and other problems.” The crisis underscores the need for access to clean drinking water for not just Flint but communities around the country and highlights how communities of color all-too-often shoulder an unfair share of environmental disasters

- **Donald Trump** simply stated, “I don’t want to comment on that. They’ve got a very difficult problem and I know the governor’s got a very difficult time going. But, you know, I [shouldn’t be commenting](#) on Flint.”

#### **The Energy Advisor**

*Rep. Cramer, Trump’s Energy and Environment Advisor Has Consistent Record Opposing Clean Energy & Environmental Protections*

Trump recently brought on Rep. Kevin Cramer (R-North Dakota), an outspoken climate change [skeptic](#), as an energy adviser. Wasting no time, Rep. Cramer urged Trump to get rid of the Clean Power Plan, the Clean Water Rule, and the newly-minted federal standards on methane emissions. He also [suggested](#) that Trump reduce environmental regulations, and get rid of tax incentives for clean and renewable energy. Rep. Cramer, after all, is “basically a [representative](#) of the oil and gas industries.” Maybe that’s why the oil and gas industry [expects](#) Trump to offer a “full-throated endorsement” of its dangerous activities.

#### **REP. CRAMER’S RECORD ON CLEAN AIR & CLEAN WATER:**

- **Clean Power Plan:** In June 2015, Rep. Cramer [voted](#) to undermine the Clean Power Plan, by supporting [legislation](#) that would simply allow governors to opt out of the federal standards for pollution from power plants. He [also voted](#) for two Congressional Review Act Resolutions of Disapproval that would block the Clean Power Plan altogether.
- **Clean Water Rule:** In May 2015, Rep. Cramer [voted](#) to require the EPA to [withdraw](#) the Clean Water rule.

#### **DRILL BABY DRILL:**

- **Giveaways To Big Oil:** In June 2014, Rep. Cramer [voted](#) for [legislation](#) that would prioritize drilling on our public lands and waters over other activities such as hiking, hunting, and fishing. The bill would also put the Atlantic and California coasts at risk of an oil spill by expanding risky offshore drilling to these areas while increasing perverse incentives for more drilling by directing additional revenue from federally-owned oil resources to coastal states.
- **Offshore Drilling Subsidies:** In June 2014, Rep. Cramer [voted](#) against legislation that would [require](#) oil and gas companies to renegotiate leases that require no payment of royalties to the United States before bidding on new leases authorized by the underlying bill.
- **Fracking Safeguards:** In November 2013, Rep. Cramer [voted](#) for legislation that would [prohibit](#) the federal government from setting baseline protections from hydraulic fracturing (fracking) if a state has even minimal, unenforceable guidelines in place.
- **Incentivize Drilling On Public Lands:** In November 2013, Rep. Cramer [voted](#) for legislation that would direct federal land managers to [prioritize](#) drilling on our public lands over other activities such as hunting, fishing, and hiking.
- **Drilling Along America’s Coasts:** In June 2013, Rep. Cramer [voted](#) for legislation that would [expand](#) offshore drilling off the coasts of South Carolina, Virginia, California, and in Alaska’s Bristol Bay.
- **Drilling In Bristol Bay:** In June 2013, Rep. Cramer [voted](#) against legislation that would [prohibit](#) offshore drilling leases in Bristol Bay off the coast of Alaska.

No wonder Rep. Cramer earned a 1 percent [lifetime score](#) from the League of Conservation Voters, including a whopping zero percent score in 2015.



**The Hosts**

*The North Dakota Petroleum Council Represents Big Oil, Consistently Opposed to Environmental Protections & Clean Energy*

The NDPC [provides](#) lobbying services for nearly 600 oil and gas companies, and they work to create a “favorable business climate” for the oil and gas industry taking positions including [support of fracking of Bakken shale](#), and opposition to [BLM’s methane regulations](#).

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