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1 Trump Halts Five Wind Farms Off the East Coast The Interior Department said the projects posed national security risks without providing details The decision imperils billions of dollars of investments 691 Wind turbine parts on a pier Parts for the construction of Revolution Wind one of five projects the Trump administration paused on Monday Excerpts edited by RAWSEP for brevity and clarity and relationship to Residents Against Wood Smoke Emission Particulates a 501C3 nonprofit organization The New York Times December 22 2025 The Trump administration on Monday said it would pause leases for five wind farms under construction off the East Coast essentially gutting the American nascent offshore wind industry in a sharp escalation of President The Trump crusade against the renewable energy source The decision injected uncertainty into projects that were collectively expected to power more than 2 point 5 million homes and businesses across the Eastern United States It left intact just two operational wind farms in US coastal waters one small project off Rhode Island that has been complete since 2016 and a larger project off New York that has been fully operational since 2023 The five wind farms targeted on Monday had all obtained leases from the Biden administration But citing unspecified national security concerns the Trump administration said it would freeze those leases effectively blocking construction or operations and jeopardizing billions of dollars that have already been invested One of the projects Vineyard Wind 1 off Massachusetts is already partially running with about half of the 62 turbines of the project sending power to the electric grid In addition to Vineyard Wind 1 the other projects affected by the pause are Coastal Virginia Offshore Wind off Virginia Sunrise Wind and Empire Wind off New York and Revolution Wind off Rhode Island and Connecticut The abrupt announcement left the wind farm builders sputtering David Schoetz a spokesman for Equinor the developer of Empire Wind said the company was reviewing the stop work order and seeking more information from the government Jeremy Slayton a spokesman for Dominion Energy called the Coastal Virginia Offshore Wind Project essential for American national security and meeting the dramatically growing energy needs of Virginia The company argued that stopping the project for any length of time would threaten grid reliability for some of the nation's most important war fighting AI and civilian assets Slayton also dismissed the Trump unspecified national security concerns saying the wind farm was developed in close coordination with the military He also noted that the two pilot turbines of the project have been operating for five years without causing any impacts to national security We stand ready to do what is necessary to get these vital electrons flowing as quickly as possible Slayton said Representatives for developers of the other projects including the Danish energy giant Orsted did not immediately respond to requests for comment Coastal Virginia Offshore Wind had escaped attention from the Trump administration for months in part because of strong support from Governor Glenn Youngkin Republican of Virginia But its fate became uncertain after Abigail Spanberger a moderate Democrat won the Virginia race for Governor in November to succeed Youngkin In New York Empire Wind has had an on again off again relationship with the Trump administration In April the Interior Department ordered that construction be stopped on Empire Wind pushing the 5 billion dollar project to the brink of collapse After several weeks and negotiations with Governor Kathy Hochul a Democrat the

administration allowed the project to proceed at least until now. Representatives for Hochul did not immediately respond to a request for comment. Senator Chuck Schumer, Democrat of New York, said in a statement: "The Trump obsession with killing offshore wind projects is unhinged, irrational, and unjustified. He said New York would keep fighting the administration's stop work orders on Empire and other offshore wind projects. The financial consequences for the developers of the five offshore wind farms could be dire. When work on Empire Wind was initially paused in April, Equinor said it was losing 50 million dollars a week because of idled equipment and workers. Delays to Revolution Wind were estimated to cost its developer, Orsted, approximately 15 million dollars per week. In October, Orsted said it would cut about 2 thousand jobs, or around 25 percent of its work force over the next two years, a decision fueled by the Trump actions as well as tariffs, high inflation, and interest rates. On the first day of his second presidential term, Trump issued a sweeping executive order halting all leasing of federal lands and waters for new wind farms. His administration has since gone after wind farms that had received permits from the Biden administration and were either under construction or about to start. The administration's approach has suffered some legal setbacks. A federal judge this month struck down the halt on leasing mandated by the January order, saying it was arbitrary and capricious, violating federal law. Attorney General William Tong, Democrat of Connecticut, said in a statement that the new order to pause Revolution Wind is even more lawless and erratic than the first. We went to court over this before Tong said, noting that a court order is in place blocking the Trump previous attempt to stop the wind farm. Every day this project is stalled is another day of lost work, another day of unaffordable energy costs, and other day burning fossil fuels when American-made clean energy is within reach, he said.

2 How The Trump First Year Reshaped US Energy and Climate Policy. The sweeping changes have affected everything from coal plant retirements to international diplomacy over shipping emissions. Excerpts edited by RAWSEP for brevity and clarity and relationship to Residents Against Wood Smoke Emission Particulates, a 501C3 nonprofit organization. The New York Times, December 22, 2025. In his first year back in office, President Trump has rapidly reshaped the American climate and energy landscape. His administration dismantled a wide range of climate and pollution regulations, began to overhaul how the federal government responds to disasters, and gave a boost to fossil fuel production and nuclear power while attempting to curtail the growth of wind and solar energy. The changes have reverberated far beyond the United States, as the administration has pressured other countries to abandon their own efforts to tackle global warming. Here is a look at some of the biggest changes in US energy and climate policy in 2025. Environmental rules. Over the past year, the Environmental Protection Agency has moved to delay, ease, or eliminate more than a dozen regulations governing air pollution, with four proposed rollbacks of air pollution rules. The most consequential of those changes came in July when the EPA said it would revoke the scientific determination that underpins the government's legal authority to combat climate change. That 2009 determination, known as the endangerment finding, concluded that greenhouse gases pose a threat to public health and welfare. The Obama and Biden administrations used that finding to set strict emissions limits on cars and power plants, which the Trump administration is in the process of undoing. But environmental activists and lawyers disagreed that deregulation would cut costs for consumers. They are not taking into account the very high costs of unchecked climate change, said the director of Harvard Law School Environmental and Energy Law Program. It costs hundreds of billions of dollars to respond to climate-related disasters, which are also leading to rising insurance costs. Their accounting treats all of this as if it is nothing. The Energy Department has intervened to stop aging coal plants from retiring. Nuclear safety regulators have been ordered to more quickly approve reactors. At the same time, Trump and his allies in Congress have repealed subsidies for solar panels, wind turbines, and electric vehicles, while agencies have slowed or stopped federal approvals for new wind and solar projects. The administration has also repealed or

blocked vehicle efficiency standards that would have forced automakers to shift away from gasoline burning cars The result has been a transformation of the American energy sector Tech companies and utilities are easing off their climate goals and ordering gigawatts worth of new plants that will burn natural gas to produce electricity needed for enormous data centers The renewable energy industry for its part has seen considerable turmoil Efforts to build giant offshore wind farms in the Atlantic Ocean have ground to a halt and the Interior department on Monday paused leases for the only five projects still under construction Hundreds of solar power projects now face potential delays in federal permitting All told companies canceled more than 32 billion dollars in planned clean energy investments in 2025

3 Can You Spot a Health Scam? Take Our Quiz RAWSEP View Then take it again with the mindset of MAHA voter Who will fall for the most scams? Excerpts edited by RAWSEP for brevity and clarity and relationship to Residents Against Wood Smoke Emission Particulates a 501C3 nonprofit organization The New York Times December 22 2025 Does creatine really work? Are LED face masks worth the money? Test your knowledge of bogus remedies and real treatments December 22 2025 Some days it feels like there is a health scam everywhere you look Let us see how well you can spot a gift 1 of 10 Is swishing coconut oil around your mouth a good way to remove plaque from your teeth?

Oil pulling as the practice is known has not been shown to reduce plaque According to the American Dental Association there are no reliable scientific studies to show that oil pulling reduces cavities whitens teeth or improves oral health and wellbeing Also experts say spitting oil down your sink can be tough on your plumbing 3 of 10 Can LED face masks reduce the appearance of wrinkles and improve the elasticity of your skin? Research suggests that light therapy can benefit the skin helping wounds heal and reducing inflammation The evidence is not overwhelmingly in the favor of home LED treatments but limited research shows a benefit when compared with a sham treatment 7 of 10

Which of the following health benefits attributed to apple cider vinegar is best supported by science? Small studies suggest that drinking one to two tablespoons of apple cider vinegar mixed with water just before a carbohydrate rich meal resulted in less drastic blood sugar spikes than those without it The research is mixed for other health claims And experts stress that more research is needed to show that apple cider vinegar is safe and beneficial for long term use 9 of 10

Which of these statements about plant based meat is true? Plant based meat products tend to be more nutritious than their animal based counterparts but they also typically count as ultra processed foods One place where fake meats fall short is that they generally have much more sodium than uncooked and unprocessed meats You are Street Smart You might fall for the occasional dubious claim but you have your wits about you

4 The Most Important Thing We Learned From Susie Wiles RAWSEP View The intoxication of power Excerpts edited by RAWSEP for brevity and clarity and relationship to Residents Against Wood Smoke Emission Particulates a 501C3 nonprofit organization The New York Times December 22 2025 Vice President JD Vance is a conspiracy theorist Russell Vought the director of the Office of Management and Budget is not merely a zealot he's a right wing absolute zealot And President Trump governs with an alcoholic's personality Ever since the publication last week of a two part article in Vanity Fair in which Susie Wiles the White House chief of staff said all of that and more political observers have been asking Why did she do it? Why discard her usual discretion and speak so frankly on the record about her cracked compatriots in the Trump administration? It is a great question but it is not the most important one which is this Why does she do it? I am referring not to the interview but to her job If she can see the incoherence immoderation and instability all around her why abet it? To both questions the answer is surely the same Wiles has been given a plum part in history not to mention a history making

part in that she's the first woman in her role. She relishes that enough to want recognition enough to consent to 11 interviews with the journalist Chris Whipple enough to position herself during those conversations as the even keeled sage appraising everyone around her. I do not ever seek attention she told Whipple at one point a statement that is a laugh line. She spoke to Whipple on Sundays after going to church. She spoke to him while she was doing laundry. She left an Oval Office meeting early to go speak with him. The Garbo of the West Wing she's not. The first year of The Trump return to the White House has shown or reminded us of many things including the fragility of democracy the prevalence of cowardice and the intensity of tribalism. But it has been an especially stark and galling education in the intoxication of power. Wiles is certainly no Hegseth showily doing pushups with the troops. But she's also human with an itch to make sure that her presence and her sway at the pinnacle of power do not go unnoticed unrecorded underappreciated. Even someone like Wiles savors the air up there. Even if it is toxic with conspiracy theories and zealotry.

5 Far right US Neo Nazi terror group steps up US operations as FBI pulls back Online activity shows the Base headed by alleged Russian asset Rinaldo Nazzaro sees US and Ukraine as key centers. Excerpts edited by RAWSEP for brevity and clarity and relationship to Residents Against Wood Smoke Emission Particulates a 501C3 nonprofit organization. The Guardian. December 22, 2025. Amid high profile arrests in its Spanish cell the American born and designated neo Nazi terrorist group the Base once a major preoccupation of FBI counter terrorism efforts has all but faded from US headlines. But a flurry of online activities shows the group is still active stateside and considers the US an operational nerve center. Headed by Rinaldo Nazzaro an ex Pentagon contractor turned alleged Russian intelligence asset the Base has been busy of late pursuing European expansion besides its heavily armed members in Spain its Ukrainian wing is linked to multiple acts of terrorism inside of the country and claimed the high profile July assassination of an intelligence officer in Kyiv. But the Base's online footprint also paints a picture of a more careful yet active American presence videos from November show masked men shooting military style rifles and pistols in what they claim is an Appalachian forest. A June photo shows a cell from the middle of the Atlantic Ocean where three members are caught performing sieg heil salutes with another from the Midwest showing two men firing pistols. In the shifting political climate of the second Trump administration where the FBI has openly rerouted resources away from investigations of far right extremists the Base appears free to organize and prepare for their stated objective of fomenting an armed insurgency against the US government. At the same time its recruitment has continued to funnel through a Russia email address and has not ceased since the 2020 FBI crackdown against it. There is reason to believe the Base has also become a broader intelligence and security target in countries with capable spy agencies willing to devote resources at disrupting it. With legitimate questions surrounding its links to Russian sabotage operations a top security concern among European nations – the Base is no longer considered an obscure American problem. Along with Spain there were recent arrests of members in the Netherlands Belgium and the United Kingdom with the European Union declaring it a terrorist group in the league of IS and al Qaida. The Nazzaro recent audio clip also notably mentions how he saw the instability in Canada or the European Union as promising for the Base recruitment in his first explicit mention of Canadian activities in years. The former Canadian cell leader of the Base Patrik Matthews is currently sitting in a US prison for his part in illegally entering the US and plotting a 2020 terrorist attack on a Virginia gun rights rally meant to incite a neo Nazi revolution.

6 Universities Who Finishes First in Life? Often Late Bloomers A new study suggests that the people who reach the pinnacle of their fields typically dabbled in multiple disciplines when they were young. Excerpts edited by RAWSEP for brevity and clarity and relationship to Residents Against Wood

**Smoke Emission Particulates a 501C3 nonprofit organization** The New York Times December 22 2025 Young prodigies the teenage sports stars the high schoolers soaring up the chess ranks or making scientific discoveries are usually not the same people who reach the pinnacles of their fields in adulthood according to a new study And the two groups begin their journeys in very different ways The study published on Thursday in the journal Science found that elite achievement in youth typically starts with a focus on one thing A pianist plays no other instrument a swimmer stays off the running track But the people who achieve the most later in life typically start off with less single minded engagement across multiple disciplines and less early success When comparing performers across the highest levels of achievement the researchers wrote the evidence suggests that eventual peak performance is negatively associated with early performance Most of the highest achievers in the analysis were not among the best of their age when they were young but they demonstrated a marked increase in performance improvement around the middle part of their careers The researchers offered three hypotheses First children who try a range of activities may have a better chance of finding one that they are exceptionally good at Second someone may develop a higher capacity for learning after being challenged early in life by a variety of tasks and situations Third children who put all their eggs in one basket run the risk of developing overuse injuries or burning out mentally Many of them drop out prematurely because this pattern of engagement is associated with increased risk Maybe you are much better in another discipline but you will never get to know because you have not tried it out So kids try picking up new activities Who knows you might win a Nobel Prize

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