* President Trump claims he has ended the “war on clean coal.” But what he has actually done over the last year is launch an unprecedented assault on Americans’ health.
* He and Scott Pruitt, his EPA Administrator, have systematically dismantled health safeguards that protect Americans from mercury, lead, arsenic and other pollutants. They have made our air more dangerous to breathe and our water more dangerous to drink.
* The EPA is responsible for identifying and addressing violations of our environmental laws. Under Scott Pruitt’s leadership, however, the agency has pursued [one-third fewer enforcement cases](http://nyti.ms/2yX4v7g%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank) than President Obama’s first EPA director and one-quarter fewer than under President George W. Bush over the same time period.
* And despite Trump’s boastful promises, he’s failed to revive the coal industry, which has been declining for decades due to increasing competition from inexpensive natural gas.
* Hiring in the coal mining industry [has stayed relatively flat](http://www.newsweek.com/donald-trump-has-only-delivered-1200-coal-mining-jobs-despite-claiming-have-751885) since President Obama left office. Meanwhile, coal miner deaths in 2017 [nearly doubled](http://thehill.com/policy/energy-environment/367034-coal-mining-deaths-skyrocket-in-2017) compared to 2016. Trump could even make that worse: he is planning to repeal a rule that [protects coal miners from black lung disease](https://www.wvgazettemail.com/news/politics/trump-regulatory-initiative-targets-black-lung-protections/article_0710897c-7059-5343-a586-88fbfa0afaa8.html).
* Trump’s dirty dealings don’t benefit everyday Americans or even coal miners. They only benefit the big, corporate polluters that want to slash environmental rules at any cost.
* The stakes are high. Former Republican EPA Administrator William Ruckelshaus cautioned that if the administration doesn’t take real action to tackle environmental threats—including climate change—then “lives will be sacrificed.”
* Thanks to Trump’s toxic agenda, the state of the union is polluted. Americans deserve better.