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CEHN opposes President's "energy independence" executive order

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President's executive order threatens important carbon emissions regulations and other climate change mitigation efforts crucial to protecting children's health.

Washington, D.C., March 20, 2017 — [The Children's Environmental Health Network](http://www.cehn.org) (CEHN) is strongly opposed to President Donald Trump's "Executive Order on Promoting Energy Independence and Economic Growth". Of grave concern is the order's aim to dismantle many policies and programs that are critical to combat climate change and protect children's health.

The World Health Organization has reported that the 88% of the global burden of disease related to climate change impacts children under five years of age. Children are uniquely vulnerable to both the direct and indirect adverse health impacts resulting from our changing climate, including risks associated with extreme heat, natural disasters, food insecurity, food and water contamination, changing patterns of infectious disease, and mental health concerns. Those children from minority and low-income communities are disproportionately burdened by the effects of climate change.

Nsedu Obot Witherspoon, MPH, Executive Director of CEHN, stated, "It would be a disservice to the nation's future to repeal such a significant public health effort. Protecting the health and development of all children is not only a moral imperative, but essential in developing a capable future workforce, a strong economy, and stable nation."

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