

# *White House Seeks Drastic Cuts to Environmental Protection Agency*

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Washington, March 3 (RHC)-- The White House is reportedly seeking to dramatically reduce the power of the Environmental Protection Agency, slashing dozens of programs and laying off 20 percent of the agency's staff.

The plan calls for the complete elimination of EPA programs on climate change, toxic waste cleanup, environmental justice and funding for Native Alaskan villages. It would slash funding to states for clean air and water programs by 30 percent.

In a statement to The Washington Post, William Becker of the National Association of Clean Air Agencies said: "These cuts, if enacted by Congress, will rip the heart and soul out of the national air pollution control program and jeopardize the health and welfare of tens of millions of people around the country."

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