

# *FBI was surveilling members of environmental group 350.org*

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## Revealed: FBI kept files on peaceful climate change protesters

A protest at a BP plant in Indiana landed three sixtysomething campaigners in a federal surveillance report, documents released to the Guardian under the Freedom of Information Act show

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A photograph of three people, two men and one woman, smiling and posing together. They are all wearing blue t-shirts with the words "STOP THE" printed on them in white capital letters. The person on the left is a man with grey hair, the person in the middle is a woman with blonde hair, and the person on the right is a man with grey hair and glasses. They are standing in front of a wooden wall.

London, December 14 (RHC)-- The Guardian newspaper is reporting the FBI kept files on a number of climate activists connected to the group [350.org](https://www.350.org). The files date from 2016 when [350.org](https://www.350.org) was helping to organize the Break Free from Fossil Fuels campaign.

While names have been redacted, the documents make reference to three peaceful protesters from Iowa who were arrested in Indiana while protesting at a BP refinery. The Guardian also reports the documents make an apparent reference to Bill McKibben, co-founder of [350.org](https://www.350.org).

In response, McKibben said: "Trying to deal with the greatest crisis humans have stumbled into shouldn't require being subjected to government surveillance. But when much of our government acts as a subsidiary of the fossil fuel industry, it may be par for the course."

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