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TRUMP AIRS OUT ENVIRONMENTAL PLANS

TRUMP VOWS TO RID NATION OF NOXIOUS FEDERAL REGULATIONS

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Touting coal in ways reminiscent of his effusive praise of beauty pageant contestants, the President reiterated that "coal, beautiful coal," will once again burn freely, thus providing jobs for many Americans put out of work by the obviously uncaring Obama administration's policies.

Following days of intense criticism of Trump's new anti-environmental regulations, OMB Director, Mick Mulvaney, reprised the alleged logic that had so well served the Administration in its unsuccessful efforts to pass its replacement for Obamacare.¹

"We believe this will enable a great many more Americans the freedom to join 13,000 of their fellow citizens each year who, in the spirit of 'Give-me-liberty-or-give-me-death' Patrick Henry, chose death from COPD (see Page 2, column 3) over living under the tyranny of Obama's noxious federal regulations. Those people are the *true* patriots."

¹ Mulvaney supported removing benefits such as maternity care from the federal bill and delegating the choice of which benefits to cover to the states. He said that if states chose not to mandate a benefit, a person needing the benefit could "figure out a way to change the state you live in." Easy enough, right? No arduous labor at all involved in that.



Above: Trump drives coal-fired golf cart: a gift from grateful West Virginia coal miners.

The President also rescinded EPA mandates for automobile emission standards. Administration officials explained that "the previous administration devalued workers by their policies. We are saying we can do both. We can protect the environment and provide people with work." When confronted with how greater emissions would result in more pollution-caused disease, the official said this would simply mean "even more of our dedicated health care professionals can be assured of a new level of employment security."



PRESIDENT DEFENDS NEW EPA AUTO EMISSION STANDARDS

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RICHMOND HILL, GA ~ *Edsell Nash*

President Trump talked today with reporters in this picturesque Georgia town adopted as a winter home by Henry Ford in the 1930's. "Henry Ford," the President began, "came here and literally drained the surrounding swamp and built his plantation here. When the locals wanted to rename Ways Station after him, he modestly declined, saying they could name it after the site of his plantation.² As you can see, Henry and I have a lot in common: draining swamps, putting lots of people to work, preferring a sense of history to self-aggrandizement. That's why I kept Merriweather's name for her place I bought for a song: Mar-a-Lago.

"I've come here today to challenge Ford Motors, which assembles their cars up in Atlanta, to create a new line of coal-fired automobiles."

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² In 1999 the still-grateful citizens unveiled a life-size full-color statue of Henry Ford that stands on the lobby floor of city hall. "Sculpted by a local university professor. It's an unexpected and disquieting presence in an otherwise typical public building. Ford wears a three-piece grey pinstriped suit, and looks like a cross between Mr. Burns from *The Simpsons* and a corpse." (See photo page 2) SOURCE: www.roadsideamerica.com/story/27652

MAKING AMERICA GRATE AGAIN

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“Transportation Secretary Elaine Chao’s staff has found ample precedent for my challenge. Earlier in the 20th Century, England built an entire fleet of public vehicles powered by coal. They had trucks and buses and even a fire engine! So, Ford, build us some coal-fired vehicles. Put the miners back to work!



“When the economy is sound, the benefits will trickle down environmentally. It’s a proven fact! So, I don’t want to hear any more of your guff³ about pollution!”

A reporter for CNN then asked if, by “trickle down,” the President was referring to the action of coal-combustion’s acid rain. The Secret Service quickly arrested the reporter, charging him with conduct unbecoming a toady.

³ From the Greek, *Διαφωνία* or *Diafonia*. Literally “a voiced assertion expressing a point of view contrary to one’s own.” As in, “Don’t give me any of your guff, Alice, or one of these days, POW! On the moon!”

Next, a reporter for *Scientific American* cited how researchers at Ohio State University, operating under a \$5 million grant from the Department of Energy, successfully demonstrated a chemical process that takes the energy from coal without burning it, while removing 99% of polluting CO₂. This was the dramatic culmination of almost 15 years of experimentation at OSU’s Clean Coal Research Laboratory.

Mr. Trump said he was unaware of this story and wouldn’t comment on whether the elimination of DOE’s \$300 million Advanced Research Projects Agency-Energy would impact the further development of this project.

“It really doesn’t matter,” the President concluded. “I’ve said it before of oil and now I’ll say it of coal: drill, baby, drill! It’s how we’re making America great again. It’s all about jobs.”



Photo: Statue of Henry J. Ford, Town Hall, Richmond Hill, GA.

SPICER CLARIFIES AND DEFENDS TRUMP’S ENVIRONMENTALISM

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WASHINGTON, DC ~ *Armed Freedom* Press Secretary Sean Spicer said in a follow-up briefing to Trump’s remarks, that the Department of Energy was contemplating new regulations that would require “anti-coal, passive solar installations” to be retrofitted with coal-fired furnaces.

Astonished reporters asked if this wouldn’t greatly increase the incidence of deadly Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD).

Spicer replied, “COPD is widely misunderstood and is *not* a health problem. COPD is, in reality, a *Choice* Offering Premature Departure.”

At this assertion, the entire front row of reporters stood and hurled lumps of bituminous coal at Spicer and saw to *his* premature departure by defenestrating his unconscious body onto the White House lawn.

Pictured below is DOE’s latest approved fireplace insert for coal-fired home heating. The *Make America Grate Again - Model T* is due in Home Depot and Lowes by September 15 this year.

