

# EPA MOVES UNDER COVER OF COVID

While COVID-19 spreads across the U.S., EPA Chief Wheeler pushes a radical pro-polluter agenda.

**JANUARY 21**

U.S. **confirms first case** of COVID-19.

**JANUARY 30**

World Health Organization **declares Global Health Emergency**.

**FEBRUARY 29**

Washington state reports the **first COVID-19 related death** in U.S.

**MARCH 13**

President Trump **declares a national emergency**.

**MARCH 17**

U.S. Covid-19 deaths reach 100.

**MARCH 18**

Wheeler publishes the **Censored Science Supplemental Proposal**, expanding his dangerous effort to **restrict the agency's use of science** when setting public health protections. This would allow EPA to cast aside many widely accepted studies that demonstrate the harm of toxic chemicals and pollution as well as vital coronavirus research.

**MARCH 26**

U.S. **leads the world** in number of confirmed COVID-19 cases.

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Days after the American Petroleum Institute **asked** Wheeler to relax requirements, EPA claims **"enforcement discretion"** to allow polluters to violate certain environmental and health protections during the pandemic.

**MARCH 27**

U.S. becomes the first country to exceed **100,000 confirmed COVID-19 cases**.

**MARCH 31**

Wheeler finalizes **Clean Cars Rollback**, **subjecting Americans** to an estimated 18,500 more premature deaths; 250,000 asthma attacks; 350,000 respiratory ailments by 2050; and 1.5 billion tons of climate pollution and \$244 billion more in fuel costs by 2040.

**APRIL 5**

Harvard releases **new research** showing the possible link between air pollution and higher death rates from COVID-19.

**APRIL 11**

U.S. COVID-19 **deaths reach 20,000**, the highest of any country in the world.

**APRIL 14**

Wheeler **proposes not to strengthen standards for particulate matter**, which is responsible for an estimated **85,000 deaths** in the U.S. every year.

**APRIL 16**

Wheeler **announces final action undermining the Mercury and Air Toxics Standards** — safeguards implemented and in effect today that **prevent** up to 11,000 premature deaths and 130,000 asthma attacks among children each year.

**APRIL 21**

U.S. COVID-19 **deaths have risen to 37,818**, with 780,536 documented cases in the country.