

What to Look for in Zeldin's Power Plant Rule Repeal

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Environmental Protection Administration (EPA) Administrator Lee Zeldin will soon unveil proposals to repeal Biden-era power sector rules for carbon and hazardous emissions. The proposals target two regulations central to the Biden administration's climate agenda: one that sets carbon pollution limits at fossil fuel power plants, and another that ramps up controls on harmful pollution like mercury.

In a recent interview quoted by Politico's *E&E News*, Bracewell's **Jeff Holmstead**, who served as EPA air chief during the George W. Bush administration, said EPA would be on firm legal ground to argue that carbon capture and storage doesn't align with the Clean Air Act's directive to base performance standards on controls that are "adequately demonstrated."

"I think that was a big stretch, and I don't think it would have been upheld in court," he said.

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