

How Biden Might Reverse Trump's Attacks on Climate Research | Scientific American

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Activists are hoping the next four years will represent a new era for U.S. climate action.

President-elect Joe Biden has outlined an ambitious climate plan aimed at achieving net-zero carbon emissions by 2050. And he's pledged to immediately reenter the U.S. in the Paris climate agreement.

The election won't only affect climate mitigation. Basic climate and environmental research also stands to benefit.

Over the last four years, the Trump administration has undermined climate science at federal agencies, including by suppressing research and filling top leadership positions with officials who question or reject the tenets of global warming. These practices have inhibited government scientists' ability to conduct and communicate their own research and promoted misinformation about climate change, according to scientists and advocates.

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