

19 April 2024

## Contents

**Bonfire of the vanities: Trump's deregulation agenda scrabbles for pandemic foothold**  
Publication date: 20 April 2020

### **Gas Strategies Group**

10 Saint Bride Street  
London UK  
EC4A 4AD

ISSN: 0964-8496

T: +44(0) 20 7332 9900  
W: [www.gasstrategies.com](http://www.gasstrategies.com)  
Twitter @GasStrategies

### **Editorials**

+44(0) 20 7332 9957  
[editor@gasstrategies.com](mailto:editor@gasstrategies.com)

### **Subscriptions**

+44(0) 20 7332 9976  
[subscriptions@gasstrategies.com](mailto:subscriptions@gasstrategies.com)



# Bonfire of the vanities: Trump's deregulation agenda scrabbles for pandemic foothold

With most of America working from home during the coronavirus pandemic, the question of how to enforce environmental regulations related to oil and gas activity has caused a headache for the federal body responsible, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

In a letter to the White House dated 20 March 2020, The American Petroleum Institute (API) urged Trump to temporarily waive "non-essential compliance obligations".

The API claimed oil and gas staff were unable to carry out environmental reporting, monitoring, and training needed to meet air and water pollution reporting regulations.

Six days later the EPA relaxed regulations, backdated to 13 March, allowing companies to self-monitor and determine whether or not they are meeting pollution guidelines. No fines or penalties will be issued by the EPA for noncompliance.



### **Consulting**

+44 (0) 20 7332 9900  
[consult@gasstrategies.com](mailto:consult@gasstrategies.com)



### **Alphatania Training**

+44 (0) 20 7332 9910  
[training@gasstrategies.com](mailto:training@gasstrategies.com)



### **Information Services**

+44 (0) 20 7332 9976  
[subscriptions@gasstrategies.com](mailto:subscriptions@gasstrategies.com)