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At Age 40, the EPA Finds Itself a Tool for the Left's Tax and Regulatory Policies

With Congress at an impasse, the EPA is now the battleground for big-government agenda.

WASHINGTON, D.C.—On Thursday, the increasingly divisive Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) celebrated its 40th anniversary. Unable to pass unpopular and economically destructive regulatory measures through Congress, Democrats have turned to the EPA to enact their controversial agenda.

Over the last decade, the agency has been the origin of increasingly heavy regulations on American infrastructure and technology. The EPA's reinterpretation of long accepted rulemakings has given it unprecedented control over the American economy. From America's manufacturers to its energy producers, the EPA has inserted itself in nearly every industry:

- **Manufacturing Industry:** The EPA is in the process of writing ozone requirements which would reduce GDP by 5.4 percent and kill 7.3 million jobs by 2020 according to estimates by the Manufacturers Alliance
- **Energy Producers:** The EPA has proposed a "Maximum Achievable Control Technology" rule for industrial boilers. Many coal-fired power plants will be unable to comply with these onerous regulations costing as many as 800,000 jobs and between \$10 and \$20
- **Car Manufacturers:** The EPA is considering a rule which would require cars to achieve 62 mpg cars by 2025

"The EPA is over the hill in age and relevance," said Grover Norquist, president of Americans for Tax Reform. **"The agency makes oppressive regulations at the expense of the taxpayers, consumers, and the American economy. The unelected bureaucrats at the EPA now exist to enforce radical agendas that have been repeatedly rejected by both houses of congress."**

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