

EPA Rollback on Emissions Rules Projected to Raise Gas Prices, Cost Jobs

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The Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) proposal to repeal vehicle emissions rules may lead to higher gasoline prices and significant job losses, according to the agency's regulatory findings. While the EPA claims the plan would bring \$54 billion in annual savings and expand vehicle options for American consumers, internal analysis suggests economic drawbacks that could outweigh the intended benefits.

The proposed rollback targets Biden-era policies designed to cut greenhouse gas emissions by raising fuel efficiency standards and accelerating the transition to electric vehicles (EVs). According to the EPA, these measures limited consumer choice and increased vehicle costs. The new plan is positioned as a shift toward affordability and market flexibility, allowing buyers to select from a wider range of gasoline-powered vehicles.

However, a closer look at the EPA's Regulatory Impact Analysis reviewed by CBS News reveals that repealing these rules would likely drive up fuel prices over time. The analysis, which cites data from the U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA), projects that gasoline prices would rise as fuel demand increases and cleaner vehicle requirements are relaxed. Additionally, the report estimates the potential loss of nearly 500,000 jobs by the year 2035, driven by disruptions in the automotive and energy sectors.

Critics argue that the rollback could undermine progress toward reducing carbon emissions and put American workers at risk in emerging energy markets. Supporters maintain that it restores consumer freedom and reduces federal overreach in the automotive industry.

As the debate continues, the EPA's data underscores the complexity of the issue highlighting a tradeoff between short-term cost savings and long-term economic and environmental consequences.