



President Trump says “no” to Sustainable Development; the United States pulls out of the Paris Climate Accord

On Thursday June 1, 2017 President removed the U.S. from the Paris Accord that Secretary John Kerry signed on Earth Day 2016. The accord's goal was to reduce CO2 to 25% below 2005 levels by 2025. Closely integrated with the Paris Accord are the 17 Sustainable Development Goals offered at the U.N. Sustainable Development Summit in September 2015 in a report titled, *Transforming Our World; The U.N. 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development*. The report cited a 15 year action plan to remove poverty in the world. Couched around social justice, the goals seek to transfer wealth through reparations from industrial nations to poor nations.

Global warming legislation in California is tied to Sustainable Development. The exit from the Paris Accord puts downward pressure on the rationale for this legislation as Sustainable Development continues to fall out of vogue and subsidies and tax credits dry up.