

The EPA is far from the only federal agency to get a Trump-era work over. But monitoring organizations say it has suffered the most extensive revisions over the past year.

The EPA's site is now riddled with missing links, redirecting pages and buried information. Over the past year, terms like "fossil fuels", "greenhouse gases" and "global warming" have been excised. Even the term "science" is no longer safe

"We are currently updating our website to reflect EPA's priorities under the leadership of President Trump and Administrator Pruitt," says the error message now ubiquitous across the EPA site.

When Scott Pruitt's name emerged for the EPA administrator position, scientists raised concerns about the effect he could have on Americans' access to climate science. Pruitt billed himself as the "leading advocate" against the "activist agenda" of the agency, which he sued 14 times. Now spearheading the EPA, Pruitt is seen as pivoting the agency away from environmental activism toward a more private business-friendly stance. He calls his approach a "back-to-basics agenda" that prioritizes engaging with partners, and implementing "sensible regulations for economic growth". EPA previous homepage welcomed viewers with a pledge that "cleaning up our communities and taking action on climate change are among our priorities". That's been replaced with an appeal to "learn how EPA is increasing transparency and public participation in litigation against the agency".

But the changes go beyond rhetoric. After the EPA announced its website "update" last April, months after the alterations began, the "Climate Change" section was taken down. Before it was taken down, one page read, "Humans are largely responsible for recent climate change," adding, "The choices we make today will affect the amount of greenhouse gases we put in the atmosphere in the near future and for years to come." Previously, the climate change section was accessible via the EPA homepage. Now, its URL – www.epa.gov/climatechange – prompts the message, "This page is being updated."

