Website Monitoring Update - 1/26/17
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Items in blue contain important contextual information that explains potential limitations to the significance of our finding.

Items listed below as "Key Changes" are corroborated: 1) significant language changes, 2) consequential links that have been deleted, or 3) pages that have been removed.

Pages listed as “removed” may appear in a federal archive, such as the State Department’s https://2009-2017.state.gov/, but have been completely decoupled from their prior URL and relegated to historical archives.

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Major Changes:
State Department - Climate Change:

Many of the pages listed below as “removed” have been moved to the State Department archives: https://2009-2017.state.gov/, but no former links to these pages from other URLs will reach them.

The alterations and deletions of pages listed are not simply in specific reference to outgoing administration members or their goals, but often remove information relating to current policy of the US government - relating, for example, to the Montreal Protocol HFC Amendment (see #3 below).
1. **Office of Global Change:** URL: [https://www.state.gov/e/oes/climate/](https://www.state.gov/e/oes/climate/)
   - **Key Changes shown in Side-by-Side comparison #1**
     - Paragraph about Climate Action Plan removed during Trump Administration
     - Link to “Remarks, Briefings, Reports, Releases” page deleted
       - Alterations to this page can be found in the Internet Archive:
         [http://web.archive.org/web/20170120155020/http://www.state.gov/e/oes/climate/rmks/index.htm](http://web.archive.org/web/20170120155020/http://www.state.gov/e/oes/climate/rmks/index.htm) - *Historical versions of this page have a more substantial left menu, but these links are not functioning within the Internet Archive currently*

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1. Office of Global Change, cont.

- Key Changes shown in Side-by-Side comparison #2
  - Link to "22nd Session of the Conference of the Parties of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change" deleted.
  - Webpage on COP22 also removed. A snapshot of its prior contents has been stored at the Internet Archive here: [http://web.archive.org/web/20170121023551/https://www.state.gov/e/oes/climate/cop22/index.htm](http://web.archive.org/web/20170121023551/https://www.state.gov/e/oes/climate/cop22/index.htm)

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- A number of other pages relating to COP22 and the Paris Climate Accords that are linked from this page have also been removed. For example: "The Paris Agreement To Enter Into Force" - stored at the Internet Archive on 12/31/16 here: [http://web.archive.org/web/20161223230046/https://www.state.gov/secretary/remarks/2016/10/262822.htm](http://web.archive.org/web/20161223230046/https://www.state.gov/secretary/remarks/2016/10/262822.htm)

12/31/16 from Internet Archive:
We're sorry, that page can't be found.

Here are a few suggestions for finding information on the U.S. Department of State website:

- Check our search box for links to previous publications.
- Check for the URL and change any upper case letters to lower case. URLs can contain letters and numbers, but all lower case.
- Try the index on the left side of every page.
- Check our contact section for more contact information, including:
  - Office of Press.
- Check our news section for the latest news, including:
  - Press releases.
- Check out the latest page.
- Check out our alphabetical lists:
  - Department of State:
    - What we do
    - Press releases
    - Careers
  - News
  - Library
  - Resources
  - Use the list of U.S. embassies, consulates, and diplomatic missions.
  - For more information, visit the U.S. government.
  - For travel information, visit the U.S. government.

If you still can’t find something, let us know! Thank you for your interest.

https://www.state.gov/secretary/remarks/2016/10/262822.htm;
1. Office of Global Change, cont.

- **Key Change #3**
  - Link to "Climate Action Report" page deleted
  - Page also removed. A snapshot of its prior content from 1/14/17 has been stored at the Internet Archive here: [http://web.archive.org/web/20170114015511/https://www.state.gov/e/oes/climate/climateactionreport/index.htm](http://web.archive.org/web/20170114015511/https://www.state.gov/e/oes/climate/climateactionreport/index.htm)

1/26/17 8:05AM - Live at [https://www.state.gov/e/oes/climate/climateactionreport/index.htm](https://www.state.gov/e/oes/climate/climateactionreport/index.htm):

1/14/17 from Internet Archive:
2. Office of the Special Envoy for Climate Change: URL: https://www.state.gov/s/climate/
- Key Changes from Side-by-Side View
  - "Major Economies Forum on Energy and Climate" link deleted
  - Significant number of links to pages also removed. A snapshot of its prior contents from 1/19/17 is stored at the Internet Archive here: http://web.archive.org/web/20170120144745/https://www.state.gov/e/oes/climate/mem/index.htm

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1/19/17 from Internet Archive:
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- Check our archives for links to previous Administration websites.
- Check the URL and change any upper case letters to lower case. URLs are case-sensitive and are all lower case.
- Try the search option located on every page.
- Check our "A to Z subject index" for topics, countries, organizations.
- Review the Department's "Bureau and Offices" organizational list.
- Check our top index pages:
  - Secretary of State
  - About the State Department
  - What We Do
  - Policy Issues
  - Countries
  - News
- Scan the list of U.S. Embassies, Consulates, and Diplomatic Missions
- For career information, visit state.gov/careers
- For travel information, visit travel.state.gov

If you still cannot find something, Contact Us. Thank you for your interest.
3. Phasing Down HFCs: URL: [https://www.state.gov/e/oes/hfc/index.htm](https://www.state.gov/e/oes/hfc/index.htm)
   - **Key Changes from Side-by-Side View**
     - Links to “International Statement on HFCs”, “Secretary Kerry’s Statement on the Montreal Protocol HFC Amendment”, and others deleted.
     - Page also removed. A snapshot of its prior content from 12/31/16 has been stored at the Internet Archive here: [http://web.archive.org/web/20161223230006/https://www.state.gov/secretary/remarks/2016/10/263170.htm](http://web.archive.org/web/20161223230006/https://www.state.gov/secretary/remarks/2016/10/263170.htm)

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Link to “International Statements on HFCs” page deleted - Page also removed - snapshot of its prior contents from 1/13/17 has been stored at the Internet Archive here:

1/12/17 from Internet Archive:

1/29/17 11:50AM Live at https://www.state.gov/e/oes/hfcs/c70623.htm:
Department of Energy - Climate Change:

Disclaimer: We cannot currently prove that these changes to the DOE website occurred during the Trump administration - it is only clear that they occurred between 1/17/17 and 1/26/17

Disclaimer: The EERE's Climate Action Plan page remains unchanged from 1/17/17

Update – 1/27/17: The DOE’s "Climate Action Plan" page is live again and the links from the other pages have also been reverted. Less significant changes relating to Obama administration work and personnel (certain images and blurbs) are still removed.

Note that the reverted DOE’s "Climate Action Plan" page itself still has text/information regarding Obama’s administration: “Since President Obama’s announcement of the Climate Action Plan (CAP) on June 25, 2013, the Department of Energy (DOE) …”

The fact that this text remains on this page that was recently put back online, while other Obama references on nearby pages have been removed, may indicate something about the process through which these decisions are being made - we no additional evidence relating to this discrepancy.

   - Key Change:
     - The DoE’s Climate Action Plan has been removed, and links to it from other pages have been deleted.

Side-by-side View: 1/17/17 - 1/26/17
As of 8:57AM on 1/26/17 Google still indexes the above page with its old text although, as shown above, the page currently reads "Access Denied":


- URL: https://www.energy.gov/ia/initiatives - Link to dead "Climate Action Page" deleted
Clean Energy Ministerial

- URL: https://www.energy.gov/ia/initiatives/clean-energy-ministerial - Link to dead "Climate Action Page" deleted

U.S.-China Energy Collaboration

- URL: https://www.energy.gov/ia/initiatives/us-china-clean-energy-research-center-cerc - Link to dead "Climate Action Page" deleted