

Environment Statement

As Quakers, we believe in:

- Supporting stewardship, community, and equality.
- Being responsible for preserving a healthy environment for each other and for our descendants.
- Acting for the long-term well-being of all who will live here even centuries from now.
- The Earth and its resources are unearned gifts to be shared fairly among all of the inhabitants of the planet. We are stewards of the Earth, not its owners.

We are deeply dismayed by the actions of both profit-seeking corporations and power-seeking politicians, who place their own short-term gain ahead of the long-term health of Planet Earth.

In particular, we oppose the policies of the Trump administration that place profit above sustainability, including:

- The so-called "America First" energy policy focused on deregulation, which has rolled back nearly 100 environmental rules related to air, water, and fossil fuel extraction.
- Withdrawing from the Paris Agreement under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.
- Replacing the Clean Power Plan with the weaker Affordable Clean Energy rule.
- Replacing the Clean Water Rule, limiting federal protection over wetlands and streams.
- Reducing protections for endangered species and removing restrictions on commercial fishing.
- Promoting unrestricted oil and gas drilling on federal lands, including the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.
- Bombing the sovereign nation of Iran in pursuit of more oil.
- Calling climate change a hoax.
- Weakening the Environmental Protection Agency and driving out scientists.
- Weakening funding for National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).
- Weakening or terminating Environmental Justice programs put in place by previous administrations.

We commit ourselves to taking whatever actions way opens to us to resist and oppose these destructive practices, and to improve and nurture a healthy environment for everyone everywhere on the Earth.

