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Trump Will Appoint Former Rep. Lee Zeldin as EPA Administrator

President-elect Donald Trump will appoint former Representative [Lee Zeldin](#) (R-N.Y.) as the administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). He [announced in a press statement](#) today:

As the 45th & 47th President of the United States, I am pleased to announce that the Highly Respected former Congressman from New York, Lee Zeldin, will be appointed to serve as The Administrator of The United States Environmental Protective [sic] Agency (EPA). Lee, with a very strong legal background, has been a true fighter for America First policies. He will ensure fair and swift deregulatory decisions that will be enacted in a way to unleash the power of American businesses, while at the same time maintaining the highest environmental standards, including the cleanest air and water on the planet. He will set new standards on environmental review and maintenance, that will allow the United States to grow in a healthy and well-structured way.

I have known Lee Zeldin for a long time, and have watched him handle, brilliantly, some extremely difficult and complex situations. I am very proud to have him in the Trump Administration, where he will quickly prove to be a great contributor!



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Zeldin confirmed that he will work to restore U.S. energy dominance, [stating in a post on X](#):

It is an honor to join President Trump's Cabinet as EPA Administrator. We will restore US energy dominance, revitalize our auto industry to bring back American jobs, and make the US the global leader of AI. We will do so while protecting access to clean air and water.



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In response to Trump's announcement, Representative Matt Gaetz (R-Fla.) said that Zeldin is a "swamp drainer" and a perfect choice to lead the EPA, [posting on X](#):

Lee Zeldin is a swamp drainer!

Perfect choice for EPA

This is going very well ☐



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