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Scott Pruitt, administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, has announced that he will bar the use of some scientific studies. Tom Brenner/The New York Times

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Scott Pruitt, the administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, has announced that he alone will decide what is and isn't acceptable science for the agency to use when developing policies that affect your health and the environment.

It is his latest effort to cripple the agency. Mr. Pruitt, who as Oklahoma's attorney general described himself (<https://www.linkedin.com/in/e-scott-pruitt-3b771653/>) as "a leading advocate against the E.P.A.'s activist agenda," said in an interview published in The Daily Caller (<http://dailycaller.com/2018/03/19/epa-scott-pruitt-secret-science/>) last week that he would no longer allow the agency to use studies that include nonpublic scientific data to develop rules to safeguard public health and prevent pollution.

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