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REBECCA JARVIS: Major rollback. The President announcing sweeping environmental deregulation, erasing the scientific conclusion that greenhouse gas pollution from cars, power plants, and factories, endanger human health. Mary Bruce is at the White House, and Ginger Zee with a climate change reality check.

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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: President Trump Announces Sweeping Environmental Deregulation]

MICHAEL STRAHAN: Now to the Trump administration announcing a sweeping rollback of environmental. Regulation aimed at fighting climate change, reversing a policy that's been in place for nearly 17 years. Our chief White House correspondent Mary Bruce has the latest for us. Good morning, Mary.

MARY BRUCE: Good morning, Michael. Well, President Trump has long said climate change is a hoax, and now he is wiping out the federal government's most powerful tool to regulate greenhouse gasses and fight climate change. This morning in a major reversal, President Trump erasing the scientific conclusion that greenhouse gasses endanger human health, gutting the government's ability to fight climate change.

PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP: Under the process just completed by the EPA, we are officially terminating the so-called endangerment finding. A disastrous Obama era policy that severely damaged the American auto industry and massively drove up prices for American consumers.

BRUCE: Former President Obama firing back, saying "we'll be less safe, less healthy, and less able to fight climate change — all so the fossil fuel industry can make even more money." The 2009 decision had given the U.S. government authority to regulate emissions from cars, power plants, and oil refineries, labeling greenhouse gasses like carbon dioxide and methane as a danger to public health and the environment. That bedrock regulation now gone in an instant. [TO DAVIS] Is this a decision based on science?

MATTHEW DAVIS: No, this is definitely not a decision based on science. The science is clear. It's indisputable.

BRUCE: Scientist Matthew Davis, who worked at the EPA under Democrats and Republicans, says thousands will die every year.

DAVIS: These impacts, climate impacts, are going to affect people's health. We're going to see more pollution, so we'll see more heart attacks, more stroke, more asthma attacks, more people's lives will be cut short.

BRUCE: The president with this message to Americans concerned about what this move means for their health.

TRUMP: I tell him don't worry about it because it has nothing to do with public health. This is all a scam, a giant scam.

BRUCE: Now the White House is touting this as the largest deregulation in U.S. history, claiming it will save over \$1 trillion but some major health organizations and several states, including California, New York, Connecticut, and Massachusetts, are already vowing to sue to block this reversal, Rachel.

RACHEL SCOTT: All right, Mary Bruce, thank you. All right, so let's turn now to Ginger. Ginger, we heard the politics from Mary. Let's get into the science. You've been covering climate change and global warming for years. Give us a reality check here.

[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: Reality Check on Climate Change]

GINGER ZEE: Yeah, so, President Trump and his administration have said that greenhouse gas emissions warming the planet is a scam, but science tells us otherwise and has for more than a century. The National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine looked at the validity of the endangerment finding because they knew this was coming, and they found with overwhelming scientific evidence that human-caused greenhouse gas emissions harm public health and welfare. Climate change intensifies risk to humans from exposure to extreme heat, ground level ozone, airborne particulate matter, extreme weather events, and airborne allergens, which then affect incidents of cardiovascular, respiratory, and other diseases. And just to put a little pin in understanding how warm we are. In 2024, global CO₂ emissions hit an all-time high, and we saw the most significant annual increase since modern measurements began in 1957. The last 11 years have been the 11 warmest on record. Those records go back to the 1800s and even within the regulations that were in place, the other administrations didn't do as much as they could — that's what most climate scientists would say — to reduce those greenhouse gas emissions, so it's still —

STRAHAN: But science shows that —

ZEE: — yes.

STRAHAN: — these threats are really real —

ZEE: Correct.

STRAHAN: — to the environment.

ZEE: Yes.

JARVIS: Thank you, Ginger.

ZEE: You got it.

JARVIS: Appreciate that.