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Trump's \$2B offshore wind buyoff threatens jobs, investment and energy supply

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The United States is in a bizarre situation in 2026: It's facing a looming energy shortage, yet the Trump administration is making deals to pay offshore wind developers nearly \$2 billion in taxpayer money to walk away from energy projects.

These politically motivated moves are costing Americans far more than just the buyouts.

Communities have been laying the groundwork for offshore energy projects for years. Offshore wind development brings jobs and economic development that reshape regional economies, with the scale of public and private investment reaching into the hundreds of billions of dollars over years.

East Coast communities have built up ports to support the industry and launched job-training

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▲ Developing a robust offshore wind industry provides resilience in the face of an unstable global energy market, particularly as future U.S. and global energy demand is projected to grow significantly. JOHN MOORE/GETTY IMAGES



◀ President Donald Trump has made his disdain for wind power clear ever since he lost a fight to stop construction of a small wind farm near his golf course in Scotland. BRENDAN SMIALOWSKI/AFP VIA GETTY IMAGES FILE

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Council to work on capital projects

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The Columbia City Council regularly meets at 7 p.m. on the first and third Mondays of the month, but has an earlier evening work session scheduled at 4:30 p.m. June 15 that includes a significant look ahead to 2027.

This is when the council will hold discussion on the 2027 capital improvement plan. The 10-year renewal of the city's capital improvement sales tax started collection in January, though not all capital improvement projects come from this funding source.

The city's capital improvement plan is ongoing and can be updated yearly depending on the types of projects that are added, while projects funded by the

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Vape recall exposes dispute over testing rules

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MISSOURI INDEPENDENT

When Missouri cannabis regulators recalled hundreds of marijuana vape pens last month, the Kansas City-based manufacturer said the issue was related to "evolving" testing requirements for licensed facilities.

But state regulators say the testing rules did not change. And certificates of analysis posted by the company and reviewed by The Independent show the recalled products were tested as bulk THC concentrate — before being loaded into the vape cartridges that state rules require to be tested in finished form.

State rules require manufacturers to test products in the form consumers buy them, not as bulk THC concentrate before packaging.

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