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Scientists racing to save climate data



The Environmental Protection Agency in December reportedly started quietly deleting references to “human-caused” climate change from its online resources. BRANDON BELL/GETTY IMAGES FILE

Trump administration scrubbing information

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RICHMOND, VA – President Donald Trump has gone beyond policy overhauls to fundamentally alter the way the government talks about climate change and the environment, limiting or outright deleting countervailing language and evidence during the first year of his second term in office.

The administration has methodically

removed references to climate change and environmental justice from government resources and even blocked or deleted access to longstanding data and information that might contradict or undermine his agenda.

The implications are vast – and could bite even harder during the remainder of his term.

“There is a perception that science that doesn’t align with the agenda will be muzzled and findings that are often

misrepresented or found wrong will be pushed out in order to support the agenda,” said Jonathan Gilmour, who works with the Public Environmental Data Partners, a coalition restoring and preserving data.

Trump has dismissed climate change as a “con job,” and his administration has worked to reopen coal plants, boost oil and natural gas production and cut tax incentives for renewable energy.

The White House did not respond to

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SPECIAL OLYMPICS

Penguin Plunge Expo to kick off event

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The Penguin Plunge Expo splashes into Hotel Champlain on Feb. 6 as the official kickoff to a wintry charity weekend, according to a community announcement.

The expo, a new feature for Special Olympics Vermont’s Penguin Plunge, is scheduled for 3-7 p.m. inside the hotel’s Green Mountain Ballroom, according to the announcement sent by the group last week.

Everyone who’s registered for the plunge itself must check in at the expo first.

Organizers describe the expo as a warm-up event designed to help participants check in, pick up required materials and connect with fellow plungers before the main event.

What to expect at the Special Olympics Vermont Penguin Plunge Expo

Plungers who attend the expo are expected to receive their plunge wristband, wave number and plunger bag. Wristbands are required to participate in the plunge and should not be lost, according to the announcement.

Participants can also collect any earned incentives and engage with event partners and vendors throughout the expo. An interactive activity with prizes available for participants is planned.

The expo is set to include a station hosted by Community Bank featuring temporary tattoos, coloring pages and sign-making. Attendees may also have the chance to meet Petey the Penguin, the event’s official mascot, along with other special guests.

Additional attractions are expected

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First undergrad business co-op program in VT to start

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Six business school students at the University of Vermont are starting full-time, paid roles this month as part of a new undergraduate co-op program, according to a community announcement.

The announcement from UVM’s Grossman business school explains that the program aims to add immersive, career-building learning experiences to students’ classroom studies. It is backed by \$15 million from the Grossman Family Foundation.

Students in the program work full time for four to six months in roles aligned with their academic focus. Afterward, the goal is for them to complete their degrees with real-world skills and insights.

Unlike traditional internships, which typically last 8-12 weeks, co-op positions are longer-term, full-time and paid. The arrangement is meant to allow student to take on deeper responsibilities and contribute meaningfully to projects while employers evaluate talent, build pipelines and reduce recruitment costs.

UVM cited a figure from the National Association of Colleges and Employers that said 98.3% of surveyed employers hire co-op students for full-time roles.

The first cohort at UVM includes Grace Berry at Wayfair; Jordan Dawley at Beta Technologies; Domenic Denapoli at Gallagher Flynn & Company LLP; Lillian Girod and Zachary Neuman at National Life Group; and Michael Stockbridge at engageCFO.

“It’s a unique opportunity to step

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University of Vermont Grossman School of Business has launched the Grossman Co-op Program. PROVIDED BY UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT

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