

## **Interior Secretary David Bernhardt Had Previously Defended Coal-Fired Power Plants Located On Tribal Lands**

### **Bernhardt Previously Represented The Central Arizona Water District As A Lobbyist At Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck.**

With Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, Bernhardt Represented Central Arizona Water Conservation District, Defending EPA's Source-specific Federal Implementation Plan Under The Clean Air Act For The Navajo Generating Station, A Coal-Fired Power Plant On The Navajo Nation Reservation In Arizona. Petitioners sought final review of EPA's plan, alleging that EPA acted arbitrarily and capriciously in failing to comply with statutory deadlines for implementation of portions of the Clean Air Act. [*Yazzie v. EPA* (9th Cir. 2017).]

## **David Bernhardt Was A Lobbyist For Oil, Gas, and Mining Interests That Operate On Public Land**

### **David Bernhardt Lobbying On Behalf of Oil, Gas, and Mining Interests That Operate On Public Lands.**

David Bernhardt Lobbied On Behalf of Oil, Gas and Mining Interests Operating on Public Lands. "At this point in his career he was an advocate or lobbyist "for big oil, gas, coal and mining corporations that operate on public lands." [Indian Country Today, [06/04/07](#)]

- **David Bernhardt Lobbied On Behalf of Off-Shore Drilling Interests.** He "worked with the firm's Washington lobbying operations...and his clients... included lead-paint maker National Lead, now called NL Industries...and Denver-based Delta Petroleum Corp., which was lobbying for off-shore drilling." [Denver Post, 05/25/01]

### **David Bernhardt Was One Of The "Political Appointees Brought Into Interior During [Secretary Gale] Norton's Tenure" Who Was An Advocate Or Lobbyist "For Big Oil, Gas...and Mining Corporations That Operate On Public Lands"**

David Bernhardt Was One Of The "Political Appointees Brought Into Interior During [Secretary Gale] Norton's Tenure Who All Shared The Common Experience Of Having Been Advocates Or Lobbyists For Big Oil, Gas, Coal And Mining Corporations That Operate On Public Lands." [*Indian Country Today*, [06/04/07](#)]

**Bernhardt Was Registered To Lobby On a Bill That Would Have Delayed New Air Pollution Limits on Coal-Fired Power Plants.** David Bernhardt was registered to lobby for Access Industries in 2011 and 2012 on H.R. 2401, the Transparency in Regulatory Analysis of Impacts on the Nation Act (TRAIN Act). This was a bill to "create a new Cabinet-level committee to study the cumulative effects of new EPA rules facing the power sector" and "delay two new sets of air pollution limits facing coal-fired power plants." [["Access Industries 2011 Third Quarter Report,"](#) United States Senate Lobbying Disclosure Act Database, accessed 03/08/17, ["Access Industries 2011 Fourth Quarter Report,"](#) United States Senate Lobbying Disclosure Act

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Database, accessed 03/08/17, "[Access Industries 2012 First Quarter Report](#)," States Senate Lobbying Disclosure Act Database, accessed 03/08/17, "[Access Industries 2012 Second Quarter Report](#)," States Senate Lobbying Disclosure Act Database, accessed 03/08/17; *Energy and Environment*, 09/20/11, and, "Oppose the TRAIN Act, the Worst Air Pollution Bill Ever to Reach the House Floor," *Natural Resources Defense Council*, [09/20/11](#)]

- **Environmental Groups Criticized This Legislation.** Environmental groups criticized this legislation, saying it would "pollute the air we breathe" and "expose our children, families, and communities to toxic air pollutants that cause illness and developmental disorders." [*Energy and Environment*, 09/20/11, and, "Oppose the TRAIN Act, the Worst Air Pollution Bill Ever to Reach the House Floor," *Natural Resources Defense Council*, [09/20/11](#)]