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The Energy 202: NAACP joins environmental groups in calling for Scott Pruitt's ouster **By: Dino Grandoni**

Another White House energy adviser bites the dust: Mike Catanzaro, Trump's top energy and environmental adviser, resigned from his White House post. Catanzaro was the chief White House staffer on domestic energy and environmental policy and is leaving to rejoin lobbying firm CGCN Group, per E&E News. Catanzaro helped with efforts to repeal the Clean Power Plan and the Obama administration's key water rule. White House climate adviser George David Banks resigned February after past marijuana use blocked him from getting permanent security clearance.

In leaving a White House already bereft of energy advisors, Catanzaro earned kind words from observers on both sides of the aisle:

"Mike has done an outstanding job helping to implement the president's ambitious environmental reform agenda. And he's done it under difficult circumstances, amid continuing chaos in the White House," Myron Ebell, director of Competitive Enterprise Institute's Center for Energy and Environment, said in a statement.

"The exodus of original White House staff with long energy experience like Mike Catanzaro and Dave Banks is nearly complete, though its unclear how much moderating or stabilizing influence they've had on Trump or Cabinet members like Pruitt and Zinke anyway," said Paul Bledsoe, a former Clinton White House climate advisor, now with the Progressive Policy Institute. "There's a sense they all want to leave before they're blamed for the potential blue-green wave election where the environment plays a role in November."

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