



Investigators See No Criminality by E.P.A. Officials in Case on Biden-Era Grants

A contentious investigation that questioned the legality of E.P.A. grants has found very little to suggest government employees violated the law.

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A politically fraught investigation opened by the Trump administration into a Biden-era Environmental Protection Agency grant program has so far failed to find meaningful evidence of criminality by government officials,

according to people familiar with the matter.

The criminal investigation, initiated by Ed Martin, then the interim U.S. attorney in Washington, was cheered by Republicans, who have made unsubstantiated claims that the multibillion-dollar program, intended to fund climate and clean energy initiatives, was a political slush fund.

The program, part of the 2022 Inflation Reduction Act, was one of President Biden's most significant actions on the environment.

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