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Adding my deep appreciation for the great work of the Sabin Center and for Mike, Mike, and Jessica. All I can say is that I feel your pain.

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Today's Topics:

1. Re: Military Aircraft and Electricity Generation
(Gregor Macgregor)

2. Appreciation for the Sabin Center (Ruhl, JB)
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From: Gregor Macgregor [REDACTED]

To: Edward Richards [REDACTED]
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Subject: Re: [Envlawprofessors - UOregon] Military Aircraft and
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Thanks Ed,

Of course, we used to pull engine blocks at least once a year ? more if we were really using them hard.

I guess we'll have to settle for fit-to-purpose engines, or a trillion hamster wheels.

Gregor

From: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] On Behalf Of Edward Richards

Sent: Tuesday, February 3, 2026 9:03 AM

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: Re: [Envlawprofessors - UOregon] Military Aircraft and Electricity Generation

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I think the biggest impediment to using even tank engines is the maintenance requirements. Industrial engines designed for 24/7 operation typically operate for years between scheduled overhauls. High-performance military engines generally have much shorter run times before they need to be rebuilt or require significant maintenance. This pushes already high running

costs up dramatically.

Ed

On Mon, Feb 2, 2026 at 2:51 PM Gregor Macgregor

[REDACTED] wrote:

As a former Army cavalry/armor officer, I have to say that we have almost 4,000 tanks in storage at Sierra Army Depot, each of which is equipped with a currently functioning turbine engine. Work smarter, not harder.

From: [REDACTED]

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Behalf Of Nevitt, Mark

Sent: Wednesday, January 21, 2026 1:21 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: [Envlawprofessors - UOregon] Military Aircraft and Electricity Generation

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All,

I would like to co-sign Michael Gerrard and Adam Orford's comments on the shortsightedness of using military aircraft at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base in Arizona to generate electricity. As a former naval aviator, now environmental law professor, I feel obligated to chime in! Just a couple of notes to build on Michael and Adam's astute points:

* Most of these retired aircraft have been in Arizona, where they have been exposed to the elements for decades. Getting the engines into a functional state will be a gargantuan task. I imagine many of these engines are simply not functional.

* I will be curious, however, if the Administration will seek a Clean Air Act exemption under 42 USC 7418 (b).

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Air Act grants the President the power to exempt any emission source of any department, agency, or instrumentality in the executive branch from compliance with such a requirement if he determines it to be in the paramount interest of the United States to do so.?

* This has not been widely used historically, but the term paramount interest is fairly broad and not defined. Overall, though, just a terrible idea to generate electricity. Pardon the pun,

but I hope that it never, ever gets off the ground.

Best wishes,

Mark Nevitt

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Date: Sat, 7 Feb 2026 18:02:58 +0000

From: "Ruhl, JB" [REDACTED]

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Dear Colleagues:

As many of you I am sure know, earlier this week a group of Republican state attorneys general sent a letter to Congress<https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fago.nebraska.gov%2Fsites%2Fdefault%2Ffiles%2Fdoc%2FLetter_5.pdf&data=05%7C02%7Ccarlson%40law.ucla.edu%7C663609ce32d742f4138a08de66838f7c%7Ce10a3d0fa4fc479d9a50c35e3f9e9bb5%7C0%7C0%7C639060912424549731%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiwlLjAuMDAwMCIslIAiOiJXaW4zMilslkFOljoiTWFpbGlldUljoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=y6qnO09zx%2FYVXj%2BKrqapZgVNA6eXYsjE4i9CmJ5JG4A%3D&reserved=0> condemning a chapter on climate change that appeared for the first time in a recently updated manual the nonpartisan Federal Judicial Center uses to educate federal judges on various topics outside the usual expertise of lawyer-judges. The letter claims the chapter is biased because of its association with three of our colleagues from the Columbia Law School Sabin Center for Climate Chage Law: Jessica Wentz (chapter co-author), Michael Burger (chapter reviewer), and Mike Gerrard (chapter reviewer). I won't repeat any content from the letter here-it's worth your time to read it to appreciate how off the rails it is. (Well, I can't resist-here's an example: "the new chapter presents a highly biased, agenda-driven view favoring radical interests pursuing lawsuits against producers and

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additional forms of fossil fuel energy"}.

Rather, I am writing to publicly express my deep gratitude for all the high quality work the Sabin Center has produced over the years on behalf of developing the field of climate change law. I consider the Sabin Center the absolute pinnacle example of how a law school center can achieve real and important impact for its students, academics and practitioners in the field of law, and society at large.

Being singled out like that in such a high-profile forum can be hard on one's personal and professional lives. But I can't think of anyone better equipped to take that on than our three colleagues Jessica, Michael, and Mike. Knowing our community as I do, I am confident in saying we all have your back and are here to support you however we can!

Very best,
JB

J.B. Ruhl

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Hear hear! Blow the bugle and the posse will come running.

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From: [Redacted]

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Sent: Saturday, February 7, 2026 11:02:58 AM

To: [Redacted]

Subject: [Envlawprofessors - UOregon] Appreciation for the Sabin Center

Dear Colleagues:

As many of you I am sure know, earlier this week a group of Republican state attorneys general sent a letter to Congress<https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fago.nebraska.gov%2Fsites%2Fdefault%2Ffiles%2Fdoc%2FLetter_5.pdf&data=05%7C02%7Ccarlson%40law.ucla.edu%7C663609ce32d742f4138a08de66838f7c%7Ce10a3d0fa4fc479d9a50c35e3f9e9bb5%7C0%7C0%7C639060912424964325%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIslIAiOiJXaW4zMilslkFOljoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=xsnegirFKqLXqpTxYdgi8sLmnuYPwygNOanV7SWpiL4%3D&reserved=0> condemning a chapter on climate change that appeared for the first time in a recently updated manual the nonpartisan Federal Judicial Center uses to educate federal judges on various topics outside the usual expertise of lawyer-judges. The letter claims the chapter is biased because of its association with three of our colleagues from the Columbia Law School Sabin Center for Climate Change Law: Jessica Wentz (chapter co-author), Michael Burger (chapter reviewer), and Mike Gerrard (chapter reviewer). I won't repeat any content from the letter here?it?s worth your time to read it to appreciate how off the rails it is. (Well, I can?t resist?here?s an example: ?the new chapter presents a highly biased, agenda-driven view favoring radical interests pursuing lawsuits against producers and users of tr! additional forms of fossil fuel energy?}.

Rather, I am writing to publicly express my deep gratitude for all the high quality work the Sabin Center has produced over the years on behalf of developing the field of climate change law. I consider the Sabin Center the absolute pinnacle example of how a law school center can achieve real and important impact for its students, academics and practitioners in the field of law, and society at large.

Being singled out like that in such a high-profile forum can be hard on one?s personal and professional lives. But I can?t think of anyone better equipped to take that on than our three colleagues Jessica, Michael, and Mike. Knowing our community as I do, I am confident in saying we all have your back and are here to support you however we can!

Very best,

JB