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Clean Energy ETFs in Spotlight as US Pulls Out Of Global Climate Treaties

In a decisive move that has sent shockwaves through international diplomacy and energy markets, the Trump administration has formally withdrawn the United States from the bedrock United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (“UNFCCC”), the 34-year-old foundational treaty for global climate action. This action, part of a broader disengagement from dozens of international organizations, marks the most significant U.S. retreat from environmental cooperation in history.

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Without federal backing or international treaty protections, these firms ... likely to face:

- **Diminished Subsidies:** The loss of global climate finance and domestic regulatory support will make U.S. solar and wind projects more expensive to finance.
- **Marginalization:** As the UN climate chief ... noted, U.S. companies will likely bear the brunt of this "colossal own goal," facing higher insurance and energy costs as the rest of the world advances with cheaper renewables.

Analysts fear this could stifle growth and innovation for companies reliant on the U.S. market, as future regulatory support and clean energy targets become unclear.

Consequently, renewable stocks with high concentration in U.S. revenues may face increased volatility along with downward revenue and margin pressure.

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Clean Energy ETFs in Spotlight

Considering the aforementioned discussion, the recent withdrawal of the United States from global climate treaties will likely trigger investors to look for clean energy stocks with a "global footprint" rather than those tethered to the shifting sands of U.S. federal policy.

By focusing on the following ETFs that hold globally operating clean energy stocks — and investing where appropriate — investors can potentially benefit from the projected 4,600-gigawatt (GW) increase in global renewable power capacity by 2030, according to the IEA.

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Invesco WilderHill Clean Energy ETF PBW

This fund, with market value of \$736.5 million, offers exposure to 63 companies engaged in the business of advancing cleaner energy and conservation. Geographically, outside the United States, Canada has 9.64% of this fund's holdings, China holds 6.74%, Brazil and Chile hold 1.65% each, in addition to a few more nations. Its top five holdings include

Swizz-domiciled lithium projects developer Lithium Americas (Argentina) Corp. LAR (2.01%) and UK-based metal company Lifezone Metals LZM (1.99%).

PBW has soared 63.1% over the past year. The fund charges 64 bps as fees. Its volume is at an average of 0.75 million shares a day.

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