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The White House disclosed tonight it has granted energy aide Mike Catanzaro an ethics waiver to allow him to participate in policy matters he once lobbied on.

Catanzaro, a former partner with CGCN Group LLC, has been cleared to specifically participate in matters related to EPA's Clean Power Plan, the waters of the U.S. rule and methane regulations. The waiver also covers unspecified "broad policy matters."

At CGCN, Catanzaro's clients included the American Fuel and Petrochemical Manufacturers, the American Chemistry Council and Noble Energy. He also worked on behalf of Devon Energy, an Oklahoma-based oil and gas company close to EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt.

Catanzaro's waiver was one of 14 disclosed by the White House. Their release capped a battle between the Office of Government Ethics and Trump's administration, which initially refused to release them.

Trump's January executive order on ethics barred lobbyists entering the administration from working on anything they specifically lobbied on for two years, but allowed waivers.

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