

NAACP WEEKLY NEWS RECAP



WIRED: [DOJ Lawyers Argue xAI Is ‘Vital’ for National Security in NAACP Lawsuit](#)

The NAACP alleges xAI isn't following the Clean Air Act and is endangering public health by running unpermitted natural gas turbines at the site of its second data center in Southaven, Mississippi, dubbed Colossus 2. In May, the NAACP filed a request for a preliminary injunction to stop xAI from running the turbines, alleging that their continued use without a permit "increases risks of asthma attacks and heart disease" in communities with an already heavy pollution burden.

New York Times: [D.O.J. Seeks to Halt Air Pollution Lawsuit Against xAI Data Center](#)

The Justice Department late on Monday said that the court should throw out a lawsuit against xAI that was brought by the NAACP claiming that the turbines violate the Clean Air Act. The suit threatens national security by "seeking to shut off the power supply for artificial-intelligence innovation that supports the Department of War's military operations," wrote Stanley Woodward Jr., associate attorney general and the No. 3 official in the department.

The Hill: [Justice Department backs xAI in NAACP air pollution suit](#)

The Trump administration is intervening on behalf of Elon Musk's xAI after the NAACP accused it in court of illegally polluting the air of a Memphis-area community.

Reuters: [Trump administration backs Musk's xAI in NAACP data center lawsuit](#)

President Donald Trump's administration has asked a federal judge to block an NAACP lawsuit over emissions tied to data centers powering Elon Musk's artificial intelligence company xAI, in a case the government said pits executive power against limits on citizen enforcement of environmental laws.

Commercial Appeal: [U.S. Department of Justice calls for dismissal of NAACP, xAI lawsuit](#)

The NAACP Director of Environmental and Climate Justice Abré Conner provided a statement regarding the Department of Justice's court filing: "At a time when the ultra-rich seem to be protected and supported by some of our government entities, it is important that polluting industries don't get to benefit at the expense of the health of Black communities. Citizen suits are a bedrock insurance policy for communities to hold polluters accountable for decisions that cause them harm. This should not be up for debate, and the NAACP will continue to stand up for democracy and against federal bullying and authoritarianism."

Bloomberg: [Trump DOJ Says xAI Gas Turbines Needed for National Security](#)

The NAACP's lawsuit argues the turbines disproportionately harm communities of color and lack a required permit under the Clean Air Act. But the organization's lawsuit "threatens American national, economic, and energy security by seeking to shut off the power supply for artificial-intelligence innovation that supports the Department of War's military operations," the Justice Department said in its Monday motion to intervene and dismiss the case.

Engadget: [Justice Department backs xAI in NAACP lawsuit over data center pollution](#)

The Department of Justice, along with the state of Mississippi, are asking the court to dismiss the lawsuit the NAACP filed against xAI in April. If you'll recall, the organization sued xAI for allegedly operating methane gas turbines to power its Colossus 2 data center in South Memphis without the proper permit. It later asked the court for an injunction to stop xAI from running the turbines, explaining that they increase "risks of asthma attacks and heart disease." According to Wired, the Justice Department has submitted a filing to the court, siding with Elon Musk's company and arguing that its operations are integral to US military operations, including the Iran War.

The Independent: [Trump's DOJ defends Elon Musk-owned data center against NAACP lawsuit](#)

The NAACP sued xAI, alleging its 57 gas turbines in Southaven, Mississippi, which power the Grok chatbot's data center, are illegally operating and exposing local Black communities to harmful pollutants.

Action News 5: [Elon Musk's xAI company seeks dismissal of NAACP lawsuit](#)

In defense of xAI, the Department of Justice wrote a letter addressing the motion to dismiss, "dismissal of this civil enforcement action accords with federal policy, national security, and the public interest." The DOJ notes that xAI's expansion is a national priority, suggesting that the NAACP's lawsuit will hinder its growth.

Fox 59: [NAACP sues to block parts of mail-in ballot order](#)

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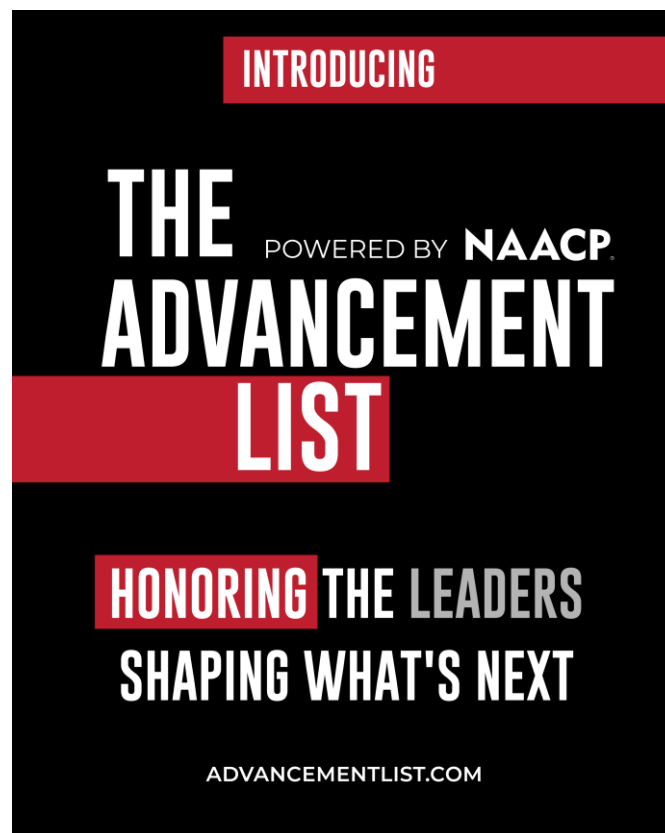
KSLA 12: [NAACP Shreveport to host Juneteenth celebration](#)

Juneteenth celebration to be hosted by the NAACP Shreveport.

NAACP NEWS AND UPDATES

- [NAACP Previews 117th National Convention Coming to Chicago in July](#)
- [NAACP Marks Juneteenth with Call to Protect Freedom and Fight for Voting Rights](#)
- [Trump Administration Attempts Massive Power Grab in Defense of Musk's xAI](#)

THE ADVANCEMENT LIST



The NAACP just launched [The Advancement List](#), a new initiative recognizing the Black leaders and visionaries making an impact across every industry. This list honors those whose work is creating change, opening doors, and helping shape the future of America. The future is being built right now, and Black excellence is leading the way. [Learn more and apply today.](#)

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117TH NAACP NATIONAL CONVENTION



Hey, YOU! Have you registered for the [117th NAACP National Convention](#) yet? There's still time! Join us July 18–22, 2026, in Chicago. Under the theme *We, The People*, we'll be building pathways to justice, engaging with top voices, and celebrating Black excellence.

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Reframing our Future Short Film
PROGRAM

This exciting program will give a winning filmmaker the opportunity to produce a short film addressing environmental climate justice issues impacting Black communities that highlights some innovation for the future.

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The [Climate in Color Program](#) is accepting applications for a grant-funded opportunity supporting filmmakers who want to tell powerful stories about environmental and climate justice in Black communities. One selected filmmaker will work with the NAACP Center for Environmental and Climate Justice to produce a short film and showcase their work during New York Climate Week. Applications close **June 29**. [Learn more and apply today](#).

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ONGOING ACTIONS

- **Out of Bounds:** NAACP is calling on Black athletes, families, alumni, and fans to withhold athletic and financial support from public universities in these states until they [protect Black voting power](#).
- **Redistricting:** Explore our “[Redistricting, Power & Our Vote](#)” collection, learn more about the fight for fair maps, and stay informed ahead of the 2026 midterms. Plus, visit the NAACP Store to grab our “[A Black Vote Was Suppressed Today](#)” [merch](#) and support the fight for voting rights.
- **One Nation, Overcharged:** This summer, NAACP is proud to join [One Nation, Overcharged](#). Together, we’re demanding a healthcare system that puts our health over corporate profits – and works for everyone.
- **25th Amendment:** The stability of our nation hangs in the balance under President Trump. [Tell the Cabinet to invoke the 25th Amendment](#).
- **Fund the Future Now:** Learn more about this [youth-led campaign](#) by the NAACP Youth & College Division fighting to make college affordable, accessible, and free from lifelong debt.

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