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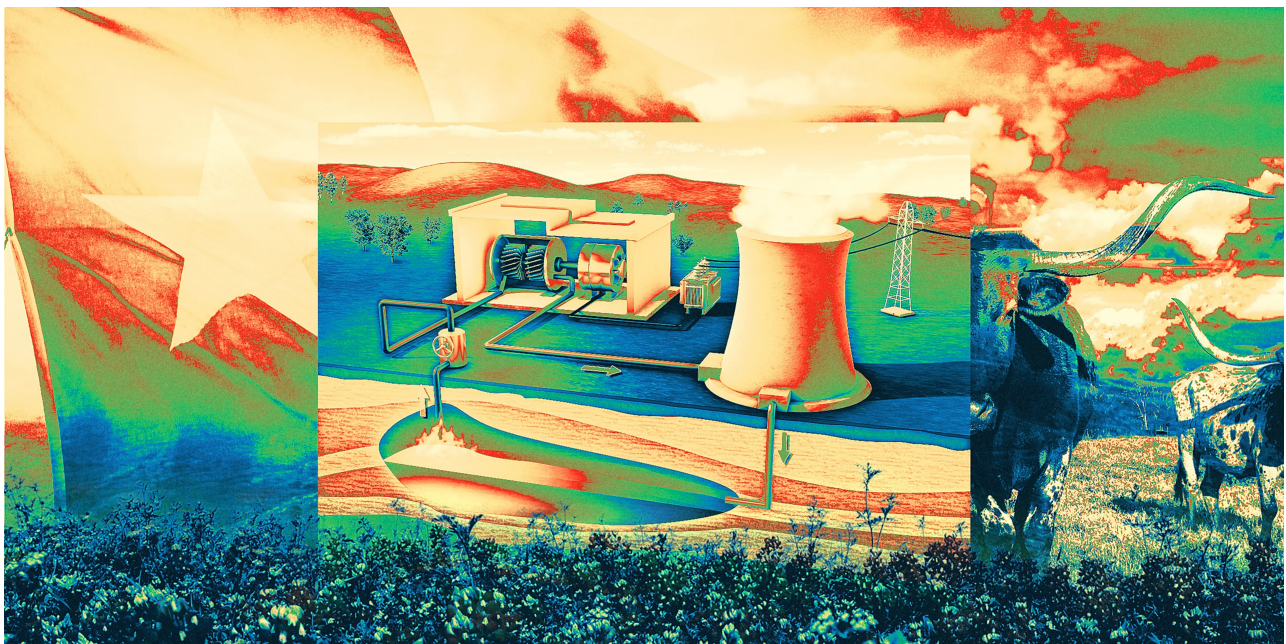
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Texas could be Trump's one clean energy bright spot— as oil drillers turn to geothermal

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In a “drill, baby, drill” administration that has already **shut down wind energy expansion** and put the solar industry in limbo by **pausing funding** and threatening Inflation Reduction Act incentives, one clean energy source has received support from President Donald Trump. In his bid to unleash **American energy dominance**, geothermal energy (harnessing underground heat as a renewable resource) got a shout-out in a January 20th executive order. It’s the rare clean energy option that hasn’t been singled out for criticism. And one state is poised to be the center of that boom.

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