

Trump Administration Executive Actions Related to Environmental, Natural Resource, Energy, Chemical, and Food Law



Executive Actions	Date Issued	Brief Summary	Potential Action Steps
Presidential Memorandum – Regulatory Freeze Pending Review	January 20, 2025	Freezes the issuance of new rules and directs agencies to withdraw or postpone rules not yet effective. Encourages review of pending regulatory actions.	Expect the new Trump administration to engage in a broad review of Biden administration rulemaking and other agency decisions and seek to revoke or revise a significant number of those decisions. See B&D’s alert for more information
EO No. 14148 – Initial Rescissions of Harmful Executive Orders and Actions	January 20, 2025	Revokes multiple Biden-era environmental and regulatory executive actions, directing reviews and steps to rescind or revise actions taken under them.	Review the list of revoked actions and assess impacts on climate and environmental policy compliance plans. See B&D’s alert for more information
EO No. 14151 – Ending Radical and Wasteful Government DEI Programs	January 20, 2025	Terminates all DEI and environmental justice offices and related programs across federal agencies.	Expect agencies to take far narrower interpretations of existing authority to incorporate environmental justice considerations into their statutory duties – if at all. See B&D’s alert for more information
EO No. 14153 – Unleashing Alaska’s Extraordinary Resource Potential	January 20, 2025	Promotes development of energy and mineral resources in Alaska, including rescinding restrictions in Arctic areas.	Those with Alaska-based interests should review opportunities created by lifted restrictions and prepare permitting applications accordingly. See B&D’s alert for more information
EO No. 14154 – Unleashing American Energy	January 20, 2025	Rolls back EV mandates, supports fossil and critical mineral energy development, revokes climate-related EOs, and calls for NEPA streamlining.	Energy, mining, and infrastructure companies should anticipate faster federal permitting and reduced regulatory scrutiny. See B&D’s alert for more information
EO No. 14156 – Declaring A National Energy Emergency	January 20, 2025	Declares energy emergency and directs agencies to use emergency and statutory authorities to expedite energy projects and infrastructure. Includes use of Clean Water Act, NEPA, and ESA emergency processes.	Those developing energy or infrastructure projects should consider accelerated permitting paths and emergency procedures for regulatory compliance. See B&D’s alert for more information
Presidential Memorandum – Temporary Withdrawal of All Areas on the Outer Continental Shelf	January 20, 2025	Withdraws areas from offshore wind leasing and halts new approvals pending a review of federal wind permitting practices.	Those involved in wind development should prepare for potential delays or reassess strategies.

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EO No. 14162 – Putting America First in International Environmental Agreements	January 20, 2025	Withdraws the U.S. from the Paris Agreement and other international climate-related accords.	Consider shifts in international compliance and ESG commitments, particularly for multinationals operating in the U.S. See B&D's alert for more information
Presidential Memorandum – Delivering Emergency Price Relief For American Families	January 20, 2025	Seeks to reduce regulatory burdens raising energy and food costs by rolling back climate-related requirements.	Expect changes to appliance standards and fuel-related rules; monitor for opportunities to reduce compliance burdens. See B&D's alert for more information
Presidential Memorandum – Putting People Over Fish	January 20, 2025	Orders redirection of water supplies in California to prioritize human use over environmental protection.	Water districts and agricultural clients should prepare for regulatory adjustments favoring diversion approvals. See B&D's alert for more information
EO No. 14173 – Ending Illegal Discrimination and Restoring Merit-Based Opportunity	January 21, 2025	Revokes civil rights-related EOs, restricts DEI-related grants, and directs enforcement investigations into large institutions.	Large institutions and grant recipients should audit their DEI policies and prepare for possible federal investigations. See B&D's alert for more information
EO No. 14212 – Establishing the President's Make America Healthy Again Commission	February 13, 2025	Establishes an inter-agency body chaired by the U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS), Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., which is mandated to prepare an assessment by May 24 on topics including “the threat that potential over-utilization of ... certain food ingredients ... pose to children with respect to chronic inflammation or other established mechanisms of disease.” The inter-agency commission must then submit a strategy for achieving the listed goals.	Monitor the administration's efforts as part of the Make America Healthy Again Commission, particularly the assessment anticipated in mid to late May. See B&D's alert for more information
EO No. 14219 – Ensuring Lawful Governance and Implementing the President's 'Department of Government Efficiency' Deregulatory Initiative	February 19, 2025	Directs agencies to review existing regulations to identify certain categories of regulations for rescission, such as those that raise constitutional questions. It also addresses enforcement actions, directing agencies to “de-prioritize” future actions to enforce regulations that “are based on anything other than the best reading of the statute” or that exceed Federal authority, and to determine whether “ongoing enforcement” is “compliant with law and Administration policy.” The EO states that agencies shall “direct the termination of all such enforcement	Companies should uphold good corporate citizenship and compliance. They should also audit regulatory priorities, develop strategies based on likely actions of the Trump administration as announced in early executive orders and other actions, evaluate each pending agency enforcement action and criminal investigation, and potentially refine their strategy for the ongoing and future negotiation/resolution of that action. Companies should also note that any perceived

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EO No. 14219 – continued	February 19, 2025	proceedings that do not comply with the Constitution, laws, or Administration policy.”	reduction in federal enforcement may come with expanded citizen suit, state enforcement, or plaintiff litigation activity. See B&D’s alert for more information.
EPA Announcement – 31 Historic Actions to Power the Great American Comeback	March 14, 2025	Announces that EPA would soon undertake efforts to roll back 31 environmental regulations that cut across industry sectors. Intends to implement President Trumps executive orders to unleash American energy, lower costs for businesses and consumers, and restore cooperative federalism.	Evaluate regulatory priorities and make plans to communicate those priorities to EPA through a combination of direct advocacy, industry group commenting or litigation (both challenging or supporting EPA efforts), and legislative engagement. See B&D’s alert for more information.
EO No. 14260 – Protecting American Energy from State Overreach	April 8, 2025	Directs the Attorney General to identify state laws on climate, ESG, environmental justice, or carbon issues, and take action against those that hinder domestic energy activities or may be unconstitutional or preempted by federal law. It also targets state programs in California, New York, and Vermont, including cap-and-trade systems and permitting rules.	Companies regulated by state climate programs should monitor DOJ actions and prepare for potential litigation or compliance changes. See B&D’s alert for more information.
EO No. 14261 – Reinvigorating America’s Beautiful Clean Coal Industry	April 8, 2025	Designates coal as a protected mineral and directs policies to support coal mining, including AI-powered reuse of infrastructure.	Stakeholders should track expedited permitting opportunities and funding prospects for coal reuse and tech deployment. See B&D’s alert for more information.
Presidential Proclamation – Regulatory Relief for Certain Stationary Sources	April 8, 2025	Grants 2-year exemption from updated MATS rules for coal-fired plants due to national security and tech limitations.	Coal plant operators should confirm applicability and prepare documentation for deferred compliance period. See B&D’s alert for more information
EO No. 14262 – Strengthening the Reliability and Security of the U.S. Electric Grid	April 8, 2025	Calls for expedited U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) actions to prevent grid failures, and development of a uniform national grid resilience methodology.	Energy suppliers and utilities should engage with DOE and track potential emergency orders or planning initiatives. See B&D’s alert for more information
EO No. 14264 – Maintaining Acceptable Water Pressure In Showerheads	April 9, 2025	Directs repeal of 2021 DOE water efficiency rule for showerheads without NEPA review or public comment.	Manufacturers and retailers should prepare for standards rollback and evaluate compliance and labeling obligations. See B&D’s alert for more information

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EO No. 14267 — Reducing Anti-Competitive Regulatory Barriers	April 9, 2025	Instructs agencies to identify and recommend repeal of rules that suppress market competition.	The regulated community should engage in reform discussions. See B&D’s alert for more information
Presidential Memorandum – Directing the Repeal of Unlawful Regulations	April 9, 2025	Requires agencies to rescind regulations conflicting with major Supreme Court decisions without public notice-and-comment.	Track regulations subject to rollback; engage early where repeal could affect permits, compliance obligations, or strategic planning. See B&D’s alert for more information
EO No. 14270 – Zero-Based Regulatory Budgeting to Unleash American Energy	April 9, 2025	Establishes sunset clauses for energy regulations; all new and many existing rules expire unless affirmatively renewed.	Take inventory of critical environmental and energy regulations impacting operations and prepare for re-justification or repeal. See B&D’s alert for more information
EO No. 14294 – Fighting Overcriminalization in Federal Regulations	May 9, 2025	Directs federal agencies to limit criminal penalties in regulations by emphasizing intent, discouraging strict liability offenses, and favoring civil remedies.	Review and potentially recalibrate regulatory obligations, monitor agency rulemakings, prepare for civil enforcement, and use this as an opportunity for advocacy.
EO No. 14295 – Increasing Efficiency at the Office of the Federal Register	May 9, 2025	Directs the Archivist of the United States to collaborate with the Government Publishing Office to modernize systems, reduce publication delays, and adjust fee structures.	Prepare for a potentially faster pace of regulatory change and engage in rulemakings promptly if necessary.
Department of Energy Announcement	May 12, 2025	Announces 47 changes to programs affecting fossil fuels, renewables and efficiency.	Stay apprised of state regulations, engage in rulemaking process, conduct an impact assessment. See B&D’s alert for more information
Department of Interior Request for Information	May 20, 2025	To carry out President Trump’s “Unleashing American Energy” Executive Order, DOI is requesting that affected industries provide recommendations on DOI regulations that can be streamlined, modified, or repealed.	The Department requests written comments and information by June 20, 2025. See B&D’s alert for more information
EO No. 14315 – Ending Market Distorting Subsidies for Unreliable, Foreign Controlled Energy Sources	June 7, 2025	Ends federal subsidies and tax benefits for energy sources controlled by foreign adversaries, citing national security and market fairness concerns.	Assess exposure to foreign-influenced energy inputs, anticipate changes to subsidy eligibility, and prepare for procurement and tax policy adjustments affecting project economics.