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Regulatory Freeze	Regulatory Freeze Pending Review (Memo from Chief of Staff Ron Klain)	3	Directs agencies to delay the effective date for rules that have been finalized but have not yet taken effect for 60 days pending review.	All	Immediate (as of January 20, 2021)	Jan. 20, 2021
Cost Benefit Analysis in CAA Rulemaking	Executive Order on Protecting Public Health and the Environment and Restoring Science to Tackle the Climate Crisis	2(a)(iv)	Directs EPA to consider "suspending, revising, or rescinding" the Trump-era rule limiting when co-benefits may be considered as part of cost-benefit analysis in Clean Air Act rulemaking	EPA Administrator	ASAP	ASAP
Secret Science Rule	Executive Order on Protecting Public Health and the Environment and Restoring Science to Tackle the Climate Crisis	2(a)(iv)	Directs EPA to consider "suspending, revising, or rescinding" the Trump-era rule discouraging the agency from relying on data from epidemiological studies when the underlying data from the study is not publicly available. This rule was vacated and remanded to the EPA at the request of the agency on Feb. 1.	EPA Administrator	ASAP	ASAP
List of 2021 actions under consideration	Executive Order on Protecting Public Health and the Environment and Restoring Science to Tackle the Climate Crisis	2(b)	Directs agencies to send a list of all regulatory actions under consideration that would be finalized by December 31, 2021 to the Director of the Office of Management and Budget and the National Climate Advisor. Agencies must also send a list of applicable actions not subject to OMB review to the National Climate Advisor.	All	30 days (from January 20, 2021)	February 19, 2021
Interim Social Cost of Carbon, NOx, and Methane	Executive Order on Protecting Public Health and the Environment and Restoring Science to Tackle the Climate Crisis	5	Directs the Social Cost of Carbon, NOx, and Methane Working Group to publish an interim social cost within thirty days of the EO. On Feb. 26th, the administration announced it had set an inflation-adjusted version of the Obama-era Social Costs of GHGs as the interim Social Costs of GHGs. Announcement available here: https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/blog/2021/02/26/a-return-to-science-evidence-based-estimates-of-the-benefits-of-reducing-climate-pollution/	Multiple: working group co-chaired by CEA chair, OMB director, and OSTP director	30 days (from January 20, 2021)	February 19, 2021
Review of Reduced Monument Boundaries	Executive Order on Protecting Public Health and the Environment and Restoring Science to Tackle the Climate Crisis	3(a)	Directs the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a review of the Trump Administration's actions to modify National Monument boundaries and conditions and submit a report to the President with recommendations on whether to restore prior boundaries and conditions.	Secretary of the Interior	60 days (from January 20, 2021)	March 21, 2021
Fisheries Climate Resilience	Executive Order on Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad	216(c)	Directs the Secretary of Commerce to initiate consultation with fishermen, fisheries regulators, scientists, and others on how to increase fisheries' and protected resources' resiliency to climate change impacts.	Secretary of Commerce	60 days (from January 27, 2021)	March 28, 2021

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Revitalizing Coal and Power Plant Communities	Executive Order on Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad	218	Directs the newly-created Interagency Working Group on Coal and Power Plant Communities and Economic Revitalization to submit a report on potential actions consistent with current law to support and revitalize coal and power plant community economies. The Working Group held their first meeting on Feb. 26. https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2021/02/26/readout-of-the-white-houses-first-interagency-working-group-on-coal-and-power-plant-communities-and-economic-revitalization/	Multiple: working group co-chaired by National Climate Advisor and Assistant to the President for Economic Policy	60 days (from January 27, 2021)	March 28, 2021
Review of Trump-era Website Content for Inconsistency with Scientific-Integrity Policy	Memorandum on Restoring Trust in Government Through Scientific Integrity and Evidence-Based Policymaking	3(c)(iv)	Directs all agencies to review and update all website content published during the Trump Administration that are inconsistent with the Memorandum's scientific-integrity principles.	All	60 days (from January 27, 2021)	March 28, 2021
Energy Efficiency: Consumer Products and Commercial/Industrial Equipment Major Revisions	Executive Order on Protecting Public Health and the Environment and Restoring Science to Tackle the Climate Crisis	2(a)(iii)	Directs DOE to consider "suspending, revising, or rescinding" the Trump-era rule altering energy efficiency standards for certain consumer and industrial products and make any major revisions by March, 2021	Secretary of Energy	March, 2021	March, 2021
Energy Efficiency: Energy Conservation Program Appliance Standards Major Revisions	Executive Order on Protecting Public Health and the Environment and Restoring Science to Tackle the Climate Crisis	2(a)(iii)	Directs DOE to consider "suspending, revising, or rescinding" the Trump-era rule changing how the Department of Energy sets energy efficiency standards for consumer appliances and make any major revisions by March, 2021	Secretary of Energy	March, 2021	March, 2021
List of 5-year actions under considerations	Executive Order on Protecting Public Health and the Environment and Restoring Science to Tackle the Climate Crisis	2(b)	Direct agencies to send a list of all regulatory actions under consideration that would be finalized by December 31, 2025 to the Director of the Office of Management and Budget and the National Climate Advisor. Agencies must also send a list of applicable actions not subject to OMB review to the National Climate Advisor.	All	90 days (from January 20, 2021)	April 20, 2021
Revocation of EO 13920	Executive Order on Protecting Public Health and the Environment and Restoring Science to Tackle the Climate Crisis	7(c)	Suspends the Trump-era EO directing DOE to create rules prohibiting the importation and use of certain electrical grid components due to national security concerns. Directs the Secretary of Energy and OMB Director to consider recommending a replacement order	OMB Director and Secretary of Energy	Suspended for 90 days (from January 20, 2021)	April 20, 2021
Climate Finance Plan	Executive Order on Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad	102(f)	Directs the Secretaries of State and Treasury to submit a plan to the President on providing financial support for climate change mitigation and adaptation abroad.	Secretaries of Treasury and State (with input from others)	90 days (from January 27, 2021)	April 27, 2021
Climate Considerations in International Work	Executive Order on Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad	103(a)	Directs all agencies that "engage in extensive international work" to submit a plan to the president on integrating considerations of climate change into their work.	All	90 days (from January 27, 2021)	April 27, 2021
Federal Clean Energy and Vehicle Procurement	Executive Order on Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad	205	Directs CEQ, GSA, and OMB to submit a plan on facilitating a carbon-free electricity sector by 2035 and achieve a clean and zero-emission government vehicle fleet while retaining union jobs.	CEQ Chair, GSA Administrator, and OMB director (with input from others)	90 days (from January 27, 2021)	April 27, 2021

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Civilian Climate Corps	Executive Order on Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad	215	Directs the Secretaries of the Interior and Agriculture to submit a strategy for creating a Civilian Climate Corps within existing appropriations.	Secretaries of Interior and Agriculture	90 days (from January 27, 2021)	April 27, 2021
30 by 30 Conservation Goal	Executive Order on Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad	216(a)	Directs the Secretary of the Interior to submit a report recommending steps the federal government can take with state and local governments and private parties to achieve a goal of conserving 30 percent of lands and waters by 2030.	Secretary of the Interior (with input from others)	90 days (from January 27, 2021)	April 27, 2021
Wildfire Mitigation and Soil Carbon Sequestration	Executive Order on Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad	216(b)	Directs the Secretary of Agriculture to engage in consultation with interested stakeholders and submit a report on using Department of Agriculture programs and funding to encourage voluntary "climate-smart agriculture and forestry practices..."	Secretary of Agriculture	60 days (from January 27, 2021) for initiating consultation, 90 days (from January 27, 2020) for submitting report	April 27, 2021
Review of Scientific Advisory Committees	Memorandum on Restoring Trust in Government Through Scientific Integrity and Evidence-Based Policymaking	7(a)	Directs all agencies to review their current and future needs for independent science and technology advisory committees.	All	90 days (from January 27, 2021)	April 27, 2021
Fuel Economy Standards: One National Program	Executive Order on Protecting Public Health and the Environment and Restoring Science to Tackle the Climate Crisis	2(a)(ii)	Directs EPA and NHTSA to consider "suspending, revising, or rescinding" the regulation that would revoke California's right to set fuel economy standards independent of the federal standards.	EPA and NHTSA Administrators	April, 2021	April, 2021
OSTP Air and Water Quality Improvements	Executive Order on Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad	222(e)	Directs the Office of Science and Technology Policy to publish a report on technologies and strategies that will produce the greatest improvements in air and water quality.	OSTP Director	100 days (from January 27, 2021)	May 7, 2021
National Intelligence Estimate for Climate Change	Executive Order on Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad	103(b)	Directs the Director of National Intelligence to prepare a National Intelligence Estimate of the national and economic security impacts of climate change	DNI	120 days (from January 27, 2021)	May 27, 2021
Climate Risk Analysis	Executive Order on Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad	103(c)	Directs the Secretary of Defense to submit an analysis to the President of the security implications of climate change that can then be used in "modeling, simulation, war-gaming, and other analyses."	Secretary of Defense (with input from others)	120 days (from January 27, 2021)	May 27, 2021
Climate Action Plans	Executive Order on Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad	211	Directs all agencies to submit a draft action plan on steps the agency take to increase adaptation and resiliency of its facilities and operations to the impacts of climate change.	All	120 days (from January 27, 2021)	May 27, 2021
EO 12898 recommendations	Executive Order on Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad	220	Directs the newly-created White House Environmental Justice Interagency Council to submit to the President recommendations on updating EO 12898.	Multiple: council chaired by CEQ Chair	120 days (from January 27, 2021)	May 27, 2021
40-percent EJ Community Investments	Executive Order on Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad	223(a)	Directs the CEQ Chair, OMB director, and National Climate Advisor to publish recommendations on how to achieve the goal of directing 40 percent of federal investments to disadvantaged communities	CEQ Chair, OMB Director, and National Climate Advisor (with input from others)	120 days (from January 27, 2021)	May 27, 2021

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Designation of Chief Science Officer	Memorandum on Restoring Trust in Government Through Scientific Integrity and Evidence-Based Policymaking	6(a)	Directs all agencies to designate a Chief Science Officer to ensure the agency's programs are following scientific integrity principles, and to oversee the implementation and updating of this principles.	All	120 days (from January 27, 2021)	May 27, 2021
Energy Efficiency: 2018 International Energy Conservation Code	Executive Order on Protecting Public Health and the Environment and Restoring Science to Tackle the Climate Crisis	2(a)(iii)	Directs DOE to consider "suspending, revising, or rescinding" its finding that the 2018 International Energy Conservation Code would improve building energy efficiency over the 2015 edition.	Secretary of Energy	May, 2021	May, 2021
Energy Efficiency: Energy Standards for Buildings	Executive Order on Protecting Public Health and the Environment and Restoring Science to Tackle the Climate Crisis	2(a)(iii)	Directs DOE to consider "suspending, revising, or rescinding" its finding that the 2016 ANSI/ASHRAE/IES building energy standard would improve building energy efficiency over the 2013 edition.	Secretary of Energy	May, 2021	May, 2021
Social Cost of Carbon, NOx, and Methane updates	Executive Order on Protecting Public Health and the Environment and Restoring Science to Tackle the Climate Crisis	5	Directs the Social Cost of Carbon, NOx, and Methane Working Group to make recommendations to the President on how social cost figures should be reviewed and updated.	Multiple: working group co-chaired by CEA chair, OMB director, and OSTP director	June 1, 2021	June 1, 2021
Energy Efficiency: Consumer Products and Commercial/Industrial Equipment Remaining Revisions	Executive Order on Protecting Public Health and the Environment and Restoring Science to Tackle the Climate Crisis	2(a)(iii)	Directs DOE to consider "suspending, revising, or rescinding" the Trump-era rule altering energy efficiency standards for certain consumer and industrial products and make any remaining revisions by June, 2021.	Secretary of Energy	June, 2021	June, 2021
Energy Efficiency: Energy Conservation Program Appliance Standards Remaining Revisions	Executive Order on Protecting Public Health and the Environment and Restoring Science to Tackle the Climate Crisis	2(a)(iii)	Directs DOE to consider "suspending, revising, or rescinding" the Trump-era rule changing how the Department of Energy sets energy efficiency standards for consumer appliances and make any remaining revisions by June, 2021.	Secretary of Energy	June, 2021	June, 2021
Made in America report	Executive Order on Ensuring the Future Is Made in All of America by All of America's Workers	11	Directs all agencies to submit a report to the director of the Made in America office on the agency's compliance with Buy American laws and use of waivers.	All	180 days (from January 25, 2021)	July 24, 2021
Made in America GSA report	Executive Order on Ensuring the Future Is Made in All of America by All of America's Workers	13	Directs the Administrator of the GSA to submit recommendations to the director of the Made in America office for ensuring that all products sold at federal properties comply with Buy American rules.	GSA Administrator	180 days (from January 25, 2021)	July 24, 2021
EJ Community Investment Program Funds Identification	Executive Order on Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad	223(c)	Directs all agencies to identify investment funds applicable to the 40-percent investment in disadvantaged communities goal.	All	60 days (from completion of 40-percent EJ Community Investments recommendations)	July 26, 2021
Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool	Executive Order on Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad	222(a)	Directs the CEQ chair to create a "geospatial Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool" and publish annual maps of disadvantaged communities.	CEQ Chair	6 months (from January 27, 2021)	July 27, 2021
Fuel Economy Standards: MY 2021-2026	Executive Order on Protecting Public Health and the Environment and Restoring Science to Tackle the Climate Crisis	2(a)(ii)	Directs EPA and NHTSA to consider "suspending, revising, or rescinding" the current federal fuel economy standard for model years 2021-2026 set by the Trump Administration.	EPA and NHTSA Administrators	July, 2021	July, 2021

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NESHAP for Coal- and Oil-fired EGUs	Executive Order on Protecting Public Health and the Environment and Restoring Science to Tackle the Climate Crisis	2(a)(iv)	Directs EPA to consider "suspending, revising, or rescinding" its finding that it is not "appropriate and necessary" to regulate hazardous air pollutants from coal- and oil-fired EGUs.	EPA Administrator	August, 2021	August, 2021
Social Cost of Carbon, NOx, and Methane application	Executive Order on Protecting Public Health and the Environment and Restoring Science to Tackle the Climate Crisis	5	Directs the Social Cost of Carbon, NOx, and Methane Working Group to make recommendations to the President on where and when the social costs figures should be applied	Multiple: working group co-chaired by CEA chair, OMB director, and OSTP director	September 1, 2021	September 1, 2021
Review of Scientific-Integrity Policies	Memorandum on Restoring Trust in Government Through Scientific Integrity and Evidence-Based Policymaking	2	Directs the Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy to review the effectiveness of scientific-integrity policies used by federal agencies and produce a report on the findings.	OSTP Director	120 days (from January 27, 2021) for the review, 120 days (from completion of the review) for the report	September 24, 2021 (for the report)
Oil and Gas Methane Standards for New Sources	Executive Order on Protecting Public Health and the Environment and Restoring Science to Tackle the Climate Crisis	2(a)(i)	Directs EPA to consider "suspending, revising, or rescinding" the Trump-era regulation for methane and VOC emissions from new oil and gas facilities. (Specifically, the Reconsideration Rule)	EPA Administrator	September, 2021	September, 2021
GHG Standards for Existing Oil and Gas Sources	Executive Order on Protecting Public Health and the Environment and Restoring Science to Tackle the Climate Crisis	2(c)(i)	Directs EPA to consider promulgating a new regulation for methane and VOC emissions from existing oil and gas operations	EPA Administrator	September, 2021	September, 2021
Review of Trump-era Report and Data for Inconsistency with Scientific-Integrity Policy	Memorandum on Restoring Trust in Government Through Scientific Integrity and Evidence-Based Policymaking	3(c)(iv)	Directs all agencies to review and update all reports, data, and other materials published during the Trump administration that are inconsistent with the Memorandum's scientific-integrity principles.	All	300 days (from January 27, 2021)	November 23, 2021
Ozone NAAQS FIP	Executive Order on Protecting Public Health and the Environment and Restoring Science to Tackle the Climate Crisis	2(c)(ii)	Directs EPA to consider promulgating a Federal Implementation Plan for states that have failed to update their ozone NAAQS, specifically California, Connecticut, New York, Pennsylvania, and Texas.	EPA Administrator	January, 2022	January, 2022
Final Social Cost of Carbon, NOx, and Methane	Executive Order on Protecting Public Health and the Environment and Restoring Science to Tackle the Climate Crisis	5	Directs the Social Cost of Carbon, NOx, and Methane Working Group to publish a final social cost within a year of the EO.	multiple, working group co-chaired by CEA chair, OMB director, and OSTP director	January, 2022	January 2022
Climate Risk in DoD Planning	Executive Order on Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad	103(d)	Directs the Secretary of Defense and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs to incorporate climate change security implications in future strategy, planning, and programming documents, and provide an annual update on the progress towards this incorporation.	Secretary of Defense and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs	Starting in January, 2022	January, 2022
Climate Risk in DHS Planning	Executive Order on Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad	103(e)	Directs the Secretary of Homeland Security to incorporate climate change implications in relevant strategy, planning, and programming documents for the Arctic, national borders, and National Critical Functions, and to provide an annual update on the progress towards this incorporation.	Secretary of Homeland Security	Starting in January, 2022	January, 2022

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EJ Scorecard Website	Executive Order on Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad	223(d)	Directs the OMB Director to publish a public website with an annual Environmental Justice Scorecard grading agencies' performance towards environmental justice goals.	OMB Director, CEQ Chair, U.S. Digital Service Administrator	February, 2022	February, 2022
Revised Scientific-Integrity Policies	Memorandum on Restoring Trust in Government Through Scientific Integrity and Evidence-Based Policymaking	3(b)	Directs all agencies to revise their scientific-integrity policies (or create one if the agency has none) and submit them to OSTP.	All	180 days (from publication of Scientific-Integrity Report)	March 23, 2022
PCAST Termination Date	Executive Order on the President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology	5	Terminates the President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology on January 27, 2023 unless extended by the president.	President	2 years (from January 27, 2021)	January 27, 2023
Offshore Wind Development	Executive Order on Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad	207	Directs the Secretary of the Interior to review siting and permitting processes with the goal of doubling offshore wind by 2030.	Secretary of the Interior	2030	2030
OMB Made in America Office	Executive Order on Ensuring the Future Is Made in All of America by All of America's Workers	4	Directs the director of OMB's new Made in America Office to issue a list of what agencies must include in their applications for waivers of Buy American rules.	OMB Made in America Office Director	45 days (from appointment of office director)	N/A