

New executive order begins the process of rewriting Clean Power Plan, scraps several other Obama-era initiatives

Programs that are affected by Trump’s executive order on climate

Program	Purpose	Future under Executive Order
Clean Power Plan	Sets carbon emission standards for existing and new power plants	Rewrite mandatory
Social cost of carbon	A metric regulators can use to determine new rules about the potential impacts of increased carbon emissions	Withdrawn
Freeze on coal leasing on federal lands	The Department of Interior currently has a moratorium on all coal leasing on federal lands	Eliminated
Fracking on federal lands	A rule that has already entered the courts, this established regulations on hydraulic fracturing on federal lands	Under review
Methane emission rule	EPA’s rule controlled methane and volatile organic compound emissions at new sources	Under review
Climate change considerations at agencies	Under the Obama administration, all agencies were instructed to consider climate change when reviewing projects under NEPA	Eliminated

Next steps

- The executive order also directs a review of all agency programs, to ensure that no programs hinder energy development
- Rescind broad climate change policies set forth by the Obama administration, including 2013 strategy document

Sources: Ben Geman, “Trump’s energy and climate executive order is about to happen,” Axios, March 28, 2017.