

BIDEN ADMINISTRATION CLIMATE CHANGE POLICIES: ONE YEAR LATER

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- **Presidential Actions, Executive Orders**
- **Agency Rules, Other Agency Actions**
- **Congressional Action**
- **Court Review**

PRESIDENTIAL ACTIONS

Rejoined Paris Climate Agreement

Established 2030 Carbon Emission Goals

- **50% less emissions by 2030 – twice Paris goals**
- **Affirmed at COP-26 Glasgow meeting last November**

Established US Clean Energy Standards

- **100% carbon-free electricity by 2035**
- **US carbon neutral - all energy sectors by 2050**

MAJOR AGENCY ACTIONS

EPA -- Vehicle Emission/Fuel Efficiency Standards

EPA Clean Power Plan – Utility GHG Emissions

DOE – energy standards, appliances and equipment

MORE AGENCY ACTIONS

Interior Rulemakings

- **Offshore oil and gas leases**
- **Offshore wind leases and auctions**

SEC -- Proposed Climate Change Disclosure Rule

GSA – all agencies use electric vehicles, equipment

Other agencies also issuing Climate Change rules

LEGISLATION ENACTED

\$1.2 Trillion Infrastructure Act, Climate Measures

- **\$110 billion – repair roads, bridges; reduce congestion**
- **\$65 billion – electric grid upgrades**
- **\$25 billion – airport infrastructure**
- **\$17 billion – port infrastructure**
- **\$12 billion – carbon capture and storage**
- **\$9.5 billion – hydrogen hubs, electrolysis**

MORE ON INFRASTRUCTURE LAW

- **\$8 billion -- electric buses and charging stations**
- **\$7.5 billion – nationwide electric charging network**
- **\$6 billion – energy storage**
- **\$6 billion – nuclear credit program**
- **\$5 billion – electric school buses**
- **\$4.5 billion – energy efficiency, weatherization**

FY 2022 AGENCY BUDGETS PASSED

\$14 billion increase requested on Climate Change

- **USDOE: energy efficiency, renewable energy, batteries**
- **USDOT: mass transit, passenger rail, electric buses**
- **EPA: 21% increase; restore 1,000 staff positions**

Result: some increase, not as much as requested

Over 10% increase requested; 6.7% increase received

PENDING LITIGATION

Social cost of carbon; Interior pause on new leases

Keystone Pipeline decision

New Clean Power Plan: West Virginia v. EPA

CONCLUSION: MORE LEGISLATION

Production Tax Credit

**Investment Tax Credit/ Solar Tax
credit for homes and businesses**

Electric Vehicle Tax Credit

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