

Policy Update: Regulatory Reform and Executive Orders

EPA Clean Air Act Advisory Committee Meeting

December 12, 2017



President Trump's Regulatory Reform Agenda

- **Presidential Memorandum** – Streamlining Permitting and Reducing Regulatory Burdens for Domestic Manufacturing (January 24, 2017)
- **EO 13771** – Reducing Regulation and Controlling Regulatory Costs (January 30, 2017)
 - OMB Memorandum: Guidance for E.O. 13771 (April 5, 2017)
 - OMB Memorandum: FY18 Regulatory Cost Allowances (September 7, 2017)
- **EO 13777** – Enforcing the Regulatory Reform Agenda (February 24, 2017)
 - OMB Memorandum: Guidance for E.O. 13777 (April 28, 2017)
- **EO 13783** – Promoting Energy Independence and Economic Growth (March 28, 2017)

In implementing these executive orders, EPA's regulatory reform work has emphasized transparency, public participation, and progress.



Transparency

In April, EPA launched a new webpage with information on the Agency's regulatory reform efforts.

This webpage will be updated periodically. The next planned update will follow publication of the Fall 2017 *Semiannual Unified Regulatory Agenda*.

A screenshot of the EPA's Regulatory Reform webpage. The browser address bar shows "https://www.epa.gov/laws-regulations/regula...". The page header includes the EPA logo and navigation links for "Environmental Topics", "Laws & Regulations", and "About EPA". A search bar is present with the text "Search EPA.gov". The main heading is "Laws & Regulations" with a sub-heading "Regulatory Reform". A sidebar on the left lists "By Sector" with options for "Enforcement", "Policy & Guidance", and "Regulations". The main content area is titled "Regulatory Reform" and includes a section "On This Page" with links to "Public Participation in EPA's Regulatory Reform" and "Presidential Actions Related to Regulatory Reform". Below this is a section titled "Public Participation in EPA's Regulatory Reform" with introductory text and a list of updates. A right-hand sidebar titled "Summary of EPA's Outreach" provides a brief overview of public outreach activities.

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Public Participation in EPA's Regulatory Reform

In accordance with Executive Order 13777, "Enforcing the Regulatory Reform Agenda," EPA requested input on regulations that may be appropriate for repeal, replacement, or modification.

- On April 11, 2017, EPA [announced](#) solicitation of public comments on its evaluation of existing regulations per EO 13777. All public comments are accessible online in our docket on the [Regulations.gov](#) website identified by Docket ID No. [EPA-HQ-OA-2017-0190](#). EPA's comment period closed May 15, 2017.
- On April 13, 2017, EPA issued a [Federal Register notice: Evaluation of Existing Regulations](#).
- On March 24, 2017, EPA Administrator Pruitt issued an [agency-wide memorandum](#) on implementation of EO 13777, which announced members of the required Regulatory Reform Task

Summary of EPA's Outreach

Per the Administrator's [March 24 memo](#), EPA offices conducted public outreach listed below.

- The [Office of Air and Radiation](#) held a public meeting via teleconference on [April 25, 2017](#).
- The [Office of International and Tribal Affairs' American Indian Environmental Office \(AIEO\)](#) hosted an outreach call with tribal representatives on April 24, 2017.
- The [Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization](#) held a meeting on April 25, 2017.



Public Participation

- **Public Meetings:** Beginning in April, 8 EPA offices held 11 public meetings and teleconferences.
 - Offices invited more than 200,000 stakeholders to participate.
- **Public Comment:** In April, EPA opened a 30-day public comment period to solicit input on opportunities for regulatory reform and received over 460,000 comments, including a record-breaking number of unique comments (over 63,000).
 - Comments ranged from a few pages dedicated to a specific rule to dozens of pages of analysis and information related to numerous rules.
 - EPA is continuing to review these comments.



Progress

- **Executive Orders 13771 & 13777**
 - In March, Administrator Pruitt issued an Agency-wide memo on the Regulatory Reform Task Force and soliciting public input.
 - For FY17, EPA rules imposed no new net costs and the Agency finalized 2 deregulatory actions for each new regulatory action.
 - The upcoming Fall 2017 *Semiannual Unified Regulatory Agenda* will include details regarding EPA's FY18 regulatory plans.
- **Permit Streamlining**
 - EPA provided assistance to Commerce while they developed their report.
 - The Agency is reviewing the recommendations from that report, as well as the 170 public comments received from the Commerce RFI.
 - EPA's FY18-22 Strategic Plan contains measures to improve the permitting process.



Progress

- **Executive Order 13783**

- EPA has initiated the review of specific actions listed in sections 4, 5, and 7 (i.e., CPP, social cost of carbon, O&G rule).
- In April, Administrator Pruitt issued an Agency-wide memo announcing that the RRTF would lead the Agency's implementation of E.O. 13783.
- In October, EPA published its final report on E.O. 13783, which included 4 initiatives to implement this order:
 - New Source Review (NSR) reform
 - National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) reform
 - Robust evaluations of the employment effects of EPA regulations
 - Reestablishing the Smart Sectors program



Questions?