

RILA Environmental Compliance Committee Virtual Meeting

“The 2020 Election: What Comes Next”

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Topics for Today

- ❑ Second term focus if a Trump Administration
- ❑ Transition process if a Biden Administration
- ❑ First Week of a New Administration
- ❑ Wonderful World of the Congressional Review Act
- ❑ Key issues for Biden Administration



Second Term Focus for Trump Administration relevant to EHS

- Continue Deregulation focus
- Stimulus package
- Infrastructure package
- More federal judicial appointments
- Litigate challenges to final environmental and natural resource regulations
- Focus on administrative enforcement and adjudication
- Continued deference to state enforcement
- Trillion Trees Project
- New sub cabinet on Water issues chaired by DOI and EPA
- Guidance portal and guidance documents



Transition Process if a Biden Administration

- Transition Team
- Landing Team
- Presidential nominations and hearings



First Week of a New Administration



“The Amazing Congressional Review Act”



Key overarching issues for Biden Administration relevant to EHS

- Climate Policy Plan and Net Zero Emissions by 2050
- Environmental Justice and New DOJ Division on Climate and Environmental Justice
- Infrastructure Investment (including electric grid upgrade and water infrastructure)
- Energy Efficiency, alternative energy, and ZEVs
- Enforcement Emphasis
- Community support including fence line monitoring
- Day One - Return to Paris Accords on Climate



More Specific Biden Goals

- Promote Advanced biofuels
- Create new appliance- and building-efficiency standards.
- Require federal permitting to consider GHG Emissions
- Require public companies to disclose GHG Emissions
- Set new Methane limits
- Buy ZEVs for federal government use
- Create new fuel economy standards
- Set PFOA/PFAS Safe Drinking limits and add to CERCLA Superfund
- Assure refrigerants have no global warming potentials



Other Goals of General Interest

- Protect Arctic National Wildlife Refuge
- Bar new oil and gas permitting on public lands and waters
- Bar hydraulic fracturing on public lands
- Establish reforestation and develop renewables on public land
- Double offshore wind by 2050
- Accelerate development of carbon capture and storage technology
- Support development of 500,000 new charging stations for ZEV



Potential Legislation

- Carbon Reporting
- Control of Plastics, particularly in Water
- Promotion of Renewables
- Infrastructure Improvement



Thank you! Any Questions?



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