



THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR
WASHINGTON

ORDER NO. 3418

Subject: Unleashing American Energy

Sec. 1. **Purpose.** This Order implements provisions of President Trump's January 20, 2025, Executive Order (EO) 14154, titled "Unleashing American Energy," which directs the removal of impediments imposed on the development and use of our Nation's abundant energy and natural resources by the Biden administration's burdensome regulations. By removing such regulations, America's natural resources can be unleashed to restore American prosperity. Our focus must be on advancing innovation to improve energy and critical minerals identification, permitting, leasing, development, production, transportation, refining, distribution, exporting, and generation capacity of the United States to provide a reliable, diversified, growing, and affordable supply of energy for our Nation.

Sec. 2. **Authorities.** This Order is issued under the authority of section 2 of Reorganization Plan No. 3 of 1950 (64 Stat. 1262), as amended. Other authorities include, but are not limited to, EO 14154.

Sec. 3. **Background.** President Trump declared that it is in the national interest to unleash America's affordable and reliable energy and natural resources by, among other policies:

- a. encouraging energy exploration and production on Federal lands and waters, including on the Outer Continental Shelf, in order to meet the needs of our citizens and solidify the United States as a global energy leader long into the future;
- b. establishing our position as the leading producer and processor of nonfuel minerals, including rare earth minerals, which will create jobs and prosperity at home, strengthen supply chains for the United States and its allies, and reduce the global influence of malign and adversarial states;
- c. protecting the United States' economic and national security and military preparedness by ensuring that an abundant supply of reliable energy is readily accessible in every State and territory of the Nation;
- d. ensuring that all regulatory requirements related to energy are grounded in clearly applicable law;

- e. ensuring that the global effects of a rule, regulation, or action shall, whenever evaluated, be reported separately from its domestic costs and benefits, in order to promote sound regulatory decision making and prioritize the interests of the American people;
- f. guaranteeing that all executive departments and agencies provide opportunity for public comment and rigorous, peer-reviewed scientific analysis; and
- g. ensuring that no Federal funding is employed in a manner contrary to the principles set out above, unless required by law.

Furthermore, in order to accomplish these policies, President Trump revoked the following:

- a. EO 13990 of January 20, 2021, titled “Protecting Public Health and the Environment and Restoring Science to Tackle the Climate Crisis”;
- b. EO 13992 of January 20, 2021, titled “Revocation of Certain Executive Orders Concerning Federal Regulation”;
- c. EO 14007 of January 27, 2021, titled “President’s Council of Advisors on Science and Technology”;
- d. EO 14008 of January 27, 2021, titled “Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad”;
- e. EO 14013 of February 4, 2021, titled “Rebuilding and Enhancing Programs to Resettle Refugees and Planning for the Impact of Climate Change on Migration”;
- f. EO 14027 of May 7, 2021, titled “Establishment of the Climate Change Support Office”;
- g. EO 14030 of May 20, 2021, titled “Climate-Related Financial Risk”;
- h. EO 14037 of August 5, 2021, titled “Strengthening American Leadership in Clean Cars and Trucks”;
- i. EO 14057 of December 8, 2021, titled “Catalyzing Clean Energy Industries and Jobs Through Federal Sustainability”;
- j. EO 14072 of April 22, 2022, titled “Strengthening the Nation’s Forests, Communities, and Local Economies”;
- k. EO 14082 of September 12, 2022, titled “Implementation of the Energy and Infrastructure Provisions of the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022”; and
- l. EO 14096 of April 21, 2023, titled “Revitalizing Our Nation’s Commitment to Environmental Justice for All.”

Sec. 4. **Directive.** All Assistant Secretaries are hereby directed to promptly review all agency actions and submit an action plan to me in 15 days to consider how to comply with the policy in section 3. The plan should include, but not be limited to, the following:

- a. Take all necessary steps to ensure any actions taken to implement the revoked EOs are terminated, including but not limited to, terminating any contract or agreement on behalf of entities or programs abolished in the revoked EOs;
- b. In addition to the review described in subparagraph (a) above, all Assistant Secretaries should include in the plan required by this section, steps that, as appropriate, will be taken to suspend, revise, or rescind documents, including but not limited to, the following regulations, Secretary's Orders (SO), Solicitor's Opinions, Instruction Memoranda (IM), and Departmental Manuals (DM):
 - "Fluid Mineral Leases and Leasing Process," 89 Fed. Reg. 30916 (April 23, 2024);
 - "Conservation and Landscape Health," 89 Fed. Reg. 40308 (May 9, 2024);
 - "Management and Protection of the National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska," 89 Fed. Reg. 38712 (May 7, 2024);
 - "Rights-of-Way, Leasing, and Operations for Renewable Energy," 89 Fed. Reg. 35634 (May 1, 2024);
 - "Waste Prevention, Production Subject to Royalties, and Resource Conservation," 89 Fed. Reg. 25378 (April 10, 2024);
 - "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Listing Endangered and Threatened Species and Designating Critical Habitat," 89 Fed. Reg. 24300 (April 5, 2024);
 - "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Regulations for Interagency Cooperation," 89 Fed. Reg. 24268 (April 5, 2024);
 - "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Regulations Pertaining to Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants," 89 Fed. Reg. 23919 (April 5, 2024);
 - "Migratory Bird Permits; Authorizing the Incidental Take of Migratory Birds," 86 Fed. Reg. 54667 (October 4, 2021);
 - "Risk Management and Financial Assurance for OCS Lease and Grant Obligations," 89 Fed. Reg. 31544 (April 24, 2024);
 - "Biological Opinion on the Federally Regulated Oil and Gas Program Activities in the Gulf of Mexico" (March 13, 2020);

- “Revised Incidental Take Statement and Revised Appendices A, C, D, and I” (April 24, 2021);
- “Proposed Final Program, 2024-2029 National Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing 5-Year Plan” (September 29, 2023);
- “Revocation of Secretary’s Orders Inconsistent with Protecting Public Health and the Environment and Restoring Science to Tackle the Climate Crisis,” SO 3398 (April 16, 2021)
- “Department-Wide Approach to the Climate Crisis and Restoring Transparency and Integrity to the Decision-Making Process,” SO 3399 (April 16, 2021);
- “Comprehensive Analysis and Temporary Halt on all Activities in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge Relating to the Coastal Plain Oil and Gas Leasing Program,” SO 3401 (June 1, 2021);
- Bureau of Land Management IMs, including but not limited to, “Implementation of Section 50265 in the Inflation Reduction Act for Expressions of Interest for Oil and Gas Lease Sales” (November 21, 2021) and all other related IMs addressing changes made by the Fluid Mineral Leases and Leasing Process rule;
- “ONRR 2020 Valuation Reform and Civil Penalty Rule: Final Withdrawal Rule,” 86 Fed. Reg. 54045 (September 30, 2021);
- “Ten-Day Notices and Corrective Action for State Regulatory Program Issues,” 89 Fed. Reg. 24714 (April 9, 2024);
- Manual provisions implementing changes made by the Fluid Mineral Leases and Leasing Process rule;
- Departmental Manuals: “522 DM 1 - Adaptive Management Implementation Policy” (September 27, 2023), “523 DM 1 - Climate Change Policy” (September 27, 2023), “526 DM 1 - Applying Climate Change Science” (September 28, 2023), and “604 DM 1 - Implementing Landscape-Level Approaches to Resource Management” (September 28, 2023);
- “Permanent Withdrawal of Solicitor Opinion M-37050 “The Migratory Bird Treaty Act Does Not Prohibit Incidental Take,” M-37065 (March 8, 2021) and associated “Regulations Governing Take of Migratory Birds; Revocation of Provisions,” 86 Fed. Reg. 54642 (October 4, 2021);
- “Secretary’s Duties under Subsection 8(p)(4) of the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act When Authorizing Activities on the Outer Continental Shelf” M-37067 (April 9, 2021);

- “Withdrawal of M-37062, ‘Secretarial Discretion in Promulgating a National Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Program’” M-37068 (April 16, 2021);
 - “Withdrawal of M-37046 and Reinstatement of M-37039, ‘The Bureau of Land Management’s Authority to Address Impacts of its Land Use Authorizations Through Mitigation’” M-37075 (April 15, 2022);
 - “Use of Mining Claims for Mine Waste Deposition, and Rescission of M-37012 and M-37057” M-37077 (May 16, 2023); and
 - “Oil and Gas and Sulfur Operations in the Outer Continental Shelf-Blowout Preventer Systems and Well Control Revisions,” 88 Fed. Reg. 57334 (August 23, 2023).
- c. In addition to the review described in subparagraph (a) and (b) above, all Assistant Secretaries are hereby directed to include in their action plans the steps to be taken that would accomplish, at a minimum, the following:
- actions that prioritize reducing barriers to the use of Federal lands for energy development, consistent with the principle of multiple use;
 - actions to implement new and amended policies and procedures to increase the efficiency in the Bureau of Land Management’s adjudication of applications for permits to drill;
 - actions to reinstate, as appropriate, all leases issued by the Bureau of Land Management for natural resource development that were cancelled between January 20, 2021, and noon on January 21, 2025;
 - actions to offer more parcels of the public land for oil and gas leasing, including through quarterly lease sales, or additional lease sales, as appropriate and consistent with existing law, including 30 U.S.C. 226(c);
 - actions to review the 5-year program for offshore oil and gas leasing to assess the need for changes to meet the Nation’s energy goals, consistent with the principles outlined in the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act (43 U.S.C. 1331 *et seq.*);
 - actions to review and, as appropriate, revise all leasing, development, production, and transportation of oil and gas in and from the State of Alaska, including but not limited to, the Coastal Plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, consistent with existing law, including section 20001 of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 (Public Law 115-97);
 - actions to assess whether earlier revocations of leases within the Coastal Plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge were consistent with the law and whether the leases can be reinstated under applicable law;

- actions to review and, as appropriate, revise all relevant draft and all finalized resource management plans, including, “Notice of Availability of the Proposed Resource Management Plan and Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Rock Springs Field Office, Wyoming,” 89 Fed. Reg. 68187 (August 23, 2024); “Notice of Availability of the Proposed Resource Management Plan Amendment and Final Environmental Impact Statement for Greater Sage-Grouse Rangeland Planning,” 89 Fed. Reg. 90311 (November 15, 2024); “Notice of Availability of the Record of Decision and Approved Resource Management Plan Amendment for the Buffalo Field Office, Wyoming,” 89 Fed. Reg. 93650 (November 27, 2024); “Notice of Availability of the Record of Decision and Approved Resource Management Plan Amendment for the Miles City Field Office, Montana,” 89 Fed. Reg. 93650 (November 27, 2024); and “Notice of Availability of the Record of Decision for the Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for the Coastal Plain Oil and Gas Leasing Program, Alaska,” 89 Fed. Reg. 101042 (December 13, 2024);
- actions to review and, as appropriate, revise all relevant critical habitat designations promulgated by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to ensure that such actions are based on the best scientific data available and that they take into consideration the economic impact and impact on national security, and in consideration of the Secretary’s statutory authority to exclude areas as outlined in section 4(b)(2) of the Endangered Species Act;
- actions to review all relevant internal regulations, policies, and guidance to ensure the lawful implementation of section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act;
- actions to ensure that, unless required by law, applicable existing or new rules, guidance, and policies relating to the development of energy resources on Federal land do not bias government or private-sector decision making in favor of renewable energy projects as compared to oil, gas, or other mineral resource projects;
- actions to review and, as appropriate, revise all undue burdens on the domestic mining and processing of nonfuel minerals;
- actions to review and, as appropriate, revise all withdrawn public lands, consistent with existing law, including 54 U.S.C. 320301 and 43 U.S.C. 1714;
- actions to update the U.S. Geological Survey’s list of critical minerals, including the potential to include uranium; and
- actions to prioritize efforts to accelerate the ongoing, detailed geologic mapping of the United States, with a focus on locating previously unknown deposits of critical minerals.

- d. In addition to the review described in subparagraph (a), (b), and (c) above, the Assistant Secretary – Policy, Management and Budget is hereby directed to include in their action plan a review that includes, but is not limited to, their processes, policies, and programs for issuing grants, loans, contracts, or any other financial disbursements of all appropriated funds from the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 (Public Law 117-169) and the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (Public Law 117-58) for consistency with the policy in section 3.

Sec. 5. Implementation. The Deputy Secretary is responsible for implementing all aspects of this Order, in coordination with the Assistant Secretaries and the Solicitor. In the absence of a Deputy Secretary, the Assistant Secretary – Land and Minerals Management will carry out the responsibilities assigned to the Deputy Secretary in this Order.

Sec. 6. Effect of this Order. This Order is intended to improve the internal management of the Department and to assure implementation of the above-referenced EO. This Order and any resulting report or recommendations are not intended to, and do not create any right or benefit, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or equity by a party against the United States, its departments, agencies, instrumentalities or entities, its officers or employees, or any other person. To the extent there is any inconsistency between the provisions of this Order and any Federal laws or regulations, the laws or regulations will control.

Sec. 7. Effective Date. This Order is effective immediately and will remain in effect until it is amended, superseded, or revoked, or the action plans referenced in section 4 are submitted, whichever occurs first.



Secretary of the Interior

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