Biden Energy Plan at 100 Days: A Look Back and a Glance Forward

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Appointments and Leadership
Cabinet Appointments

- Energy: Jennifer Granholm
- Interior: Deb Haaland
- Transportation: Pete Buttigieg
- Defense: Lloyd Austin
- Treasury: Janet Yellin
- Agriculture: Tom Vilsack
- Commerce: Gina Raimondo
- Labor: Marty Walsh
- EPA: Michael Regan
Executive Appointments

- John Kerry – Special Presidential Envoy for Climate
- Gina McCarthy – National Climate Advisor
- Rich Glick – Chair, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
- Brenda Mallory – Chair, Council on Environmental Quality
- Susan Rice – Domestic Policy Council
- Christopher Hanson – Chair, Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Congressional Leadership

Senate Energy and Natural Resources
- Chair – Joe Manchin (D-WV)
- Ranking Member – John Barrasso (R-WY)

House Energy and Commerce
- Chair – Frank Pallone (D-NJ)
- Ranking Member – Cathy McMorris Rodgers (R-WA)

House Natural Resources
- Chair – Raul Grijalva (D-AZ)
- Ranking Member – Bruce Westerman (R-AR)
Executive Actions
Executive Action Focus

1. Climate
2. Science & Technology
3. Energy
Executive Actions

Re-enter the Paris Climate Accords
Executive Order

Protecting Public Health and the Environment and Restoring Science to Tackle the Climate Crisis
Including:

- Review regulations promulgated in the last 4 years
- Review changes to National Monuments (i.e. Bears Ears)
- Moratorium on drilling in Arctic National Wildlife Refuge
- Take into account “social costs” of greenhouse gas emissions
- Revoke permit for Keystone XL Pipeline
- Revoke other Trump Administration rules
Executive Order

Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad
Climate a factor in US Foreign Policy and National Security considerations
Creates White House Office of Domestic Climate Policy
Carbon free/zero emissions vehicles for federal agencies
Pause on new oil and natural gas leases on public lands or offshore waters
Federal infrastructure investment
Support for clean energy and transmission projects
Goal of conserving at least 30% of US lands and oceans by 2030
Civilian Climate Corps Initiative
“Climate-smart” practices of Dept. of Agriculture
Coal, oil, and natural gas and power plant working group for impacted communities
Environmental justice
Memorandum

Scientific Integrity and Science-Based Policymaking
Executive Order

President’s Council of Advisors on Science and Technology
Executive Order

Target 50-52% Reduction in U.S. Greenhouse Gas Pollution from 2005 levels by 2030
Climate Summit with International Leaders

• New Greening Government Initiative
• Goal of net zero emissions by 2050
• International Climate Finance Plan
Executive Order

Climate Exposure Assessment at all U.S. Defense installations (Domestically within 12 mos, Internationally in 24 mos)
Federal Support for Grid Upgrades

- Western Area Power Administration Transmission Infrastructure Program ($3.25 Billion)
- $5 Billion in DOE Loan Guarantees
- Highway right of ways for siting and permitting transmission lines
Executive Order

Establishment of the Climate Change Support Office within the Department of State
Approved First Major Off-Shore Wind Farm

- Vineyard Wind Project
- 12 nautical miles off the coast of Martha’s Vineyard
- 84 Turbines, 800 megawatts
Legislative Action
$2 trillion infrastructure bill still in bipartisan talks
Thank you!

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