

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

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# Overview

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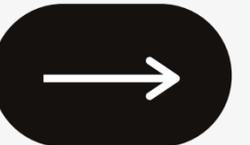
A photograph of the White House in Washington, D.C., featuring the portico with its columns and a fountain in the foreground. The text "Appointments and Leadership" is overlaid in white serif font.

# Appointments and Leadership



# Cabinet Appointments

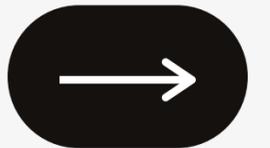
- Energy: Jennifer Granholm
- Interior: Deb Haaland
- Transportation: Pete Buttigieg
- Defense: Lloyd Austin
- Treasury: Janet Yellen
- Agriculture: Tom Vilsack
- Commerce: Gina Raimondo
- Labor: Marty Walsh
- EPA: Michael Regan





# 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)



A man with white hair, wearing a dark suit, light blue shirt, and blue tie, is seated at a dark wooden desk in an office. He is wearing a black face mask and is focused on signing a document with a pen. The desk is cluttered with several stacks of papers and a keyboard. In the background, there is a large window with a view of a city at night, a large American flag on the left, and a framed portrait of a man in the center. The overall lighting is dim, with a blue tint, suggesting an evening or night setting.

# Executive Actions

# Executive Action Focus

1 Climate

2 Science & Technology

3 Energy



Executive Actions

# Re-enter the Paris Climate Accords



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# 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



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# 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



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# President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology



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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



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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



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# 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



Congress

# \$2 trillion infrastructure bill still in bipartisan talks



Thank you!

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