



Memorandum

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Minerals Policy Task Force

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Interior Department Seeks Public Input to Reduce Regulatory Burdens

Yesterday, the Department of the Interior (DOI) [published](#) a request for information (RFI) to identify existing regulations that can be modified or repealed to ensure that DOI administrative actions do not undermine the national interest and that DOI achieves a meaningful reduction in regulatory burdens. **Comments on the RFI are due June 20, 2025.** DOI created an email inbox at Interior.RegulatoryInfo@doi.gov which interested parties can use to identify to DOI - on a continuing basis - existing regulations that they believe can be modified or repealed, consistent with the law.

Background

The RFI is part of the DOI's implementation of recent directives from the President's Executive Order (EO) 14154, ["Unleashing American Energy"](#) that established the policy of the United States to ensure all regulatory requirements related to energy are grounded in clearly applicable law and promote sound regulatory decision making, and the subsequent DOI Secretary's Order 3418, ["Unleashing American Energy"](#) that implements the requirements of the EO and directs all Assistant Secretaries to promptly review all agency actions and submit a plan to consider how to comply with the EO.

The RFI also complies with EO 14192 ["Unleashing Prosperity through Deregulation,"](#) which states it is the priority of the executive branch to be prudent and financially responsible in the expenditure of funds and to

alleviate unnecessary regulatory burdens placed on the American people. Among other things, EO 14192 directs the heads of all agencies to ensure the total incremental cost of all new regulations, including repealed regulations, being finalized this year be "significantly less than zero." See the National Mining Association's (NMA) [memorandum](#) distributed on Feb. 4, 2025, for additional details on this EO.

Information DOI is Seeking

DOI is seeking input from the public on "ways to achieve a meaningful reduction in regulatory burdens while continuing to achieve DOI's legal obligations, mission, and regulatory objectives." To that end, DOI provided a list of nine questions expanding on this request, including, among others, whether there are regulations that: (1) "simply make no sense or have become unnecessary, ineffective, or ill-advised"; (2) have become outdated and can be modernized; (3) are necessary but should be modified to better accomplish the objective at a lower cost; (4) obstruct, delay, curtail, or pose significant costs to siting, permitting, or delivery of energy infrastructure projects; (5) are unnecessarily complicated or could be streamlined; and (6) have been overtaken by technological developments that warrant modification or rescission.

DOI is also seeking comments on regulations that may be inconsistent with various EOs, including the following relevant to the mining industry:

1. E.O. 14153, Potential' ["Unleashing Alaska's Extraordinary Resource Potential"](#);
2. E.O. 14156, ["Declaring a National Energy Emergency"](#);
3. E.O. 14213, ["Establishing the National Energy Dominance Council"](#);
4. E.O. 14241, ["Immediate Measures To Increase American Mineral Production"](#);
5. E.O. 14260, ["Protecting American Energy From State Overreach"](#);
6. E.O. 14261, ["Reinvigorating America's Beautiful Clean Coal Industry and Amending Executive Order 14241"](#);
7. E.O. 14267, ["Reducing Anti-Competitive Regulatory Barriers"](#);
8. E.O. 14270, ["Zero-Based Regulatory Budgeting To Unleash American Energy"](#); or
9. Any other executive action issued by the President that furthers the purpose of this RFI.

DOI is requesting commenters provide, to the extent possible, a succinct summary of the proposal, supporting data or other information, and specific suggestions regarding the repeal or modification of regulations. Submitters are encouraged to provide economic data to demonstrate the cost of complying with existing regulations and the savings that a change might provide. DOI is particularly interested in hearing from entities significantly affected by the administrative actions of DOI, including State, local, and tribal governments; small businesses; consumers; non-governmental organizations; and other relevant entities.

Next Steps

The NMA will submit comments to DOI's RFI using our recent submission to the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) RFI on deregulatory actions as a baseline for this submission. See NMA's [memorandum](#) and [submission](#) for more detail. **If there is a matter not covered in the OMB submission that we should consider adding to the DOI submission, please contact me at kmills@nma.org.** We will work with your company to build out the background, justification, and recommended action for any new items. **Please send all new items by June 6, 2025, so that we can work to make these additions and allow time for member review of the complete submission.** The NMA will schedule a Teams meeting if we receive substantial feedback that warrants member discussion.