

Presidential Administration Transition

Trending Issues

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Haynes and Boone lawyers are continually monitoring legislative changes and new appointments, all of which may impact our clients' business operations and interests. We will continue to share timely news and updates here.

Featured stories include:

[Update on OSHA's COVID-19 National Emphasis Program and Enforcement](#) - March 30, 2021 - At the American Bar Association's OSHA Midwinter Meeting, held virtually March 23-26, 2021, OSHA presented updates on expected activities under the Biden Administration, including the COVID-19 National Emphasis Program ("[NEP](#)") that was announced on March 12, 2021. This alert includes key takeaways for employers with respect to the NEP and the expected COVID-19 and non-COVID-19 OSHA enforcement trends under the new administration.

[OSHA Announces New National Emphasis Enforcement Program on COVID-19](#) - March 15, 2021 - On January 21, 2021, President Biden issued an Executive Order that, among other things, directed the Secretary of Labor to launch a national program to focus on OSHA enforcement efforts related to COVID-19. The President's Order directed OSHA to address hazardous conditions from COVID-19 that put the largest number of workers at serious risk.

[SEC Developments: Implications, Issues and Solutions](#) - February 2, 2021 - View our webinar recording that provides a summary and analysis of recent SEC developments impacting advisers and funds, including a preview of the regulatory environment under the Biden Administration.

[Regulatory Climate Change](#) - January 29, 2021 - President Biden issued his [Executive Order on Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad](#) establishing climate change considerations as "an essential element of United States foreign policy and national security." The Order sets a broad goal to "put the United States on a path to achieve net-zero emissions, economy-wide, by no later than 2050."

[Biden Administration Issues Drilling Permits Days After Order Suspending Federal Leasing](#) - January 28, 2021 - Less than one week after the Acting Secretary of the Department of the Interior, Scott de la Vega, issued Order No. 3395 temporarily suspending the issuance of new oil and

natural gas leases on federal public lands¹, certain news agencies are reporting the issuance of 31 new federal drilling permits – 22 for offshore operations issued by the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement and 9 onshore operations issued by the Bureau of Land Management.

[Biden Administration Day 1 Energy and Environmental Orders](#) - January 22, 2021 - Shortly after his inauguration as the 46th President of the United States, Joe Biden promptly set in motion a myriad of executive orders implementing his energy and climate initiatives. In this alert, we summarize President Biden's Day 1 measures suspending oil and gas permitting on federal lands, placing a moratorium on activity in the Arctic National Wildlife Reserve and canceling the Keystone XL Pipeline, rejoining the Paris Climate Agreement and implementing reforms of environmental policies implemented by his predecessor, Donald Trump.