



Washington Update

Team Cumberland Meeting
April 6, 2021

Congressional Activity

- 117th Congress Began January 4 (2021-2022)
- Numerous hearing on electric grid, physical and cyber security and the extreme weather events.
- This Spring:
 1. Stimulus/Jobs/Infrastructure
 2. Federal Budget for FY 2022



Administration Highlights

DOE Leadership

- Jennifer Granholm, Secretary
- David Turk, Deputy Secretary
- Kathleen Hogan, Acting Under Secretary for Energy & Science
- Pat Hoffman, Acting Asst. Sec. for Electricity

Asst. Sec. Army for Civil Works (ASACW)

- Still no nominee for the ASACW, a position which will require confirmation.
- Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for the ASACW (#2 political slot over the Corps) has been nominated. Jaime Pinkham is a member Pacific Northwest's Nez Perce Tribe and has served on the governing council of the Wilderness Society. The position does not require Senate confirmation.



American Jobs Plan & Made In America Tax Plan

- 25-page overview release March 31/21; \$2T+ over 10 years
- Infrastructure/Economic Stimulus
- Supporting 100% Carbon-pollution free power by 2035
- \$100B for Power Infrastructure:
- **Build a more resilient electric transmission system.**
 - Tax investment credit to incentivize built-out of 20 GW of high-voltage power lines
 - Established a Grid Deployment Authority at DOE (leverage existing ROW & + HV lines)
- **Spur jobs modernizing power generation and delivering clean electricity.**
 - Energy Efficiency and Clean Electricity Standard (EECES) aimed at cutting electricity bills and electricity pollution
 - increasing competition in the market
 - incentivizing more efficient use of existing infrastructure
 - continuing to leverage the carbon pollution-free energy provided by existing sources like nuclear and hydropower.

Executive Orders

Potential Impact to Federal Hydropower Program

New:

- Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad (1/27/21):
 - A carbon pollution-free electricity sector by 2035
 - Aims to replace the federal government's fleet of autos with zero-emission vehicles
- Buy American (1/25/21):
 - Revokes 3 Trump era EOs 2017-2020

From last Administration:

- Executive Order 13920: Securing the United States Bulk-Power System (1/20/21 90-day hold)
- Modernizing America's Water Resource Management and Water Infrastructure – “Water Supply Sub-Cabinet” (no update)



Other Ongoing Efforts:

- Uncommon Dialog led by Stanford & Energy Futures Initiative (“3Rs”)
 - 3/22/21 Congressional letter (to WH); 10/13/20 letters (to Hill, Admin, Tribes, State).
- Corps WRDA 2020 Implementation Listening Sessions
 - One more session April 13; Comments due May 7th
- Federal Hydropower MOU: (R&D)
 - Announced National Hydropower Day 2020 (August 24, 2020)
 - Customer comment period on draft action plan ended Jan. 5, 2021. Working Groups:
 1. Asset Management; 2. Value of Hydropower; 3. Workforce; 4. Water Supply Reliability; 5. Environmental Outcomes.
 - Action plan being finalized for release.
 - Continued stakeholder engagement. Customer engagement on WG welcome!
- Federal Hydropower Council
 - Focuses: 1. Acquisition; 2. Water Storage Reallocation; 3. Cost Code Accounting; 4. O&M; 5. Communications
 - Met March 25; Next Meeting (5-year anniversary)