Federal Energy Policy Approach: A Look to the Future

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Key Federal Actions

- Presidential
- Executive
- Legislative
President Actions

- Executive Order 13985 – Racial and Economic Equality
- Executive Order 14008 – Climate Change
- Presidential Memorandum – Tribal Consultation
- DPC Guidance – Justice40 Initiative
EO 13985  Racial and Economic Equity

• Whole of Government Equity Agenda:
  • comprehensive approach to advancing equity (civil rights, racial justice, equal opportunity)
  • Systematic approach to embed fairness in decision making

• Key Actions:
  • Equity assessment – review agency programs
  • Advocate for federal resources – promote equity in budgets
  • Procurement – equitable access to procurement opportunities
  • Engagement and consultations – with members of underserved communities, increase coordination and communication
EO 14008 – Climate Change

• Government Wide Approach
  • Creates "Office of Domestic Climate Policy" – Gina McCarthy
  • Creates "National Climate Task Force"
  • Federal procurement plan
  • Renewable Energy on Public Lands
  • Federal funding priorities
  • Improve climate forecast capabilities for S, L, T governments
  • Infrastructure investments
  • Civilian Conservation Corp
  • Energy Transition
  • Environmental Justice
  • Justice 40 Initiative
Presidential Memorandum on Tribal Consultation

• Consultation on consultation
• Reinforce government to government relationship
• Agency consultation policies
• Re-started White House Native American Affairs Council
  • Energy subgroup?
DPC Guidance – Justice40 Initiative

• 40% of overall benefits of federal investments "flow to disadvantaged communities"
  • Does not explicitly include tribes in the definition
• Covered programs - climate change, clean energy and energy efficiency, training and workforce development
• Covered investments – financial assistance, direct payments, federal procurement
• 21 pilot programs – WAP, BRIC, SETO, DERA, LIHEAP, REAP
Executive Action - Key Agencies

• Dept of Energy
  • Technology expertise
  • Project development and deployment capacity building
  • Project deployment funding
  • Energy equity and justice

• Interior
  • Feasibility and technical assistance
  • Governmental capacity building
  • Land use approvals

• USDA
  • Rural Development funding

• EPA
  • Environmental permitting
Legislative Actions

- FY 2022 Appropriations Bills
  - Energy program funding increases across the board
- Senate Infrastructure Bill
  - Tribes eligible for almost all energy programs and funding
  - FAST-21 expedited permitting
- Senate Reconciliation Bill
  - Instructions include Native energy programs and funding
- Access to Solar Coalition
  - Promoting distributed energy, community solar funding and policies – includes tribes and tribal communities