

Semi-Annual Unified Agenda of Regulatory and Deregulatory Actions: Projected U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Activities



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The Trump Administration released the Spring edition of the semi-annual:

Unified Agenda of Regulatory and Deregulatory Actions ("Agenda")

Federal agencies twice a year produce in combination a comprehensive report describing regulations currently under development or recently completed.

In particular, the *Agenda* identifies each regulatory action that the federal agency (in this case the United States Environmental Protection Agency ["EPA"]) expects to work on within the next 12 months.

Agenda entries are typically associated with one of five rulemaking stages. Two key rulemaking states include:

1. Proposed Rulemaking Stage (indicating that the agency plans to issue a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking or to close an existing comment period), and
2. Final Rule Stage (indicating that the agency plans to issue a Final Rule)

Each *Agenda* entry typically provides a variety of information.

Congress, interest groups, regulated entities, environmental organizations and the general public rely on the *Agenda* to understand which rules EPA plans to issue in the upcoming year. Nevertheless, the *Agenda* does not create a legal obligation to adhere to schedules in the publication or limit their regulatory activities to those items that are encompassed by it.

EPA states that this *Agenda* includes:

- 40 deregulatory actions under development
- 29 new actions expected to be issued over the next 12 months

A link to the EPA news release which includes the *Agenda* can be found [here](#).