

ELECTIONS 2024: Biden-Era Energy, Climate Regulations Reach Crossroads

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Joseph Brazauskas, Bracewell senior counsel, told *S&P Global* that he would expect former President Donald Trump to sign multiple executive orders on his first day in office if voters return him the White House this November, including an order directing the US government to focus on energy dominance and supporting traditional fuels such as gas, coal and liquid motor fuels.

A new Trump administration is expected to seek voluntary remands for Biden-era regulations facing court challenges, which could kick off a process of overhauling or, in some cases, repealing the rules. Plans to re-exit the Paris Agreement on climate change, repeal and replace EPA regulations, and boost oil and gas leasing plans could all be announced in the Trump administration's early days, as could directives to swiftly nix the US Energy Department's pause and study of LNG export determinations and to open areas in Alaska to drilling.

A second Trump administration would likely seek to speed those plans by installing political appointees who are ready to implement pre-drafted policies, Brazauskas said.

"They may have Day One executive orders that are already written; they may have regulatory packages that are more ripe for implementation than previously in 2017, where things were a little bit more chaotic," added Brazauskas.

Former Trump administration officials have signaled the former president would begin taking action immediately.

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