THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR WASHINGTON



ORDER NO. 3421

Subject: Achieving Prosperity through Deregulation

Sec. 1. **Purpose.** The Department of the Interior (Department) is committed to the advancement of President Trump's deregulation agenda. Federal regulations have imposed massive costs on the lives of millions of Americans and restrained our Nation's ability to be a global leader in building the world's best economy. This Order implements the January 31, 2025, Executive Order titled "Unleashing Prosperity Through Deregulation" (Deregulation EO) to ensure that Department's Bureaus and Offices are focused on cutting all red tape to unleash America's economic prosperity, further national security, and achieve the highest possible quality of life for each United States citizen.

Sec. 2. Authority. This Order is issued under the authority of section 2 of Reorganization Plan No. 3 of 1950 (64 Stat. 1262), as amended.

Sec. 3. **Background.** On January 31, 2025, President Trump issued the Deregulation EO which, among other things, established a policy for the executive branch "to be prudent and financially responsible in the expenditure of funds, from both public and private sources, and to alleviate unnecessary regulatory burdens placed on the American people." To accomplish this policy, the Deregulation EO requires agencies to identify at least 10 existing regulations to be eliminated for every new regulation promulgated. The Federal Government will return to the discipline of ensuring that the cost of planned regulations is responsibly managed and controlled through a rigorous regulatory cost analysis process.

Sec. 4. **Implementation.** Pursuant to this Order, all relevant Bureaus and Offices are notified that, for each new regulation that they propose to promulgate, they shall identify at least 10 existing Department regulations to be eliminated, and that the agency shall offset the total incremental cost of any new regulations, to the extent permitted by law, by the elimination of existing costs associated with at least 10 existing Departmental regulations. All Assistant Secretaries shall begin identifying and proposing existing regulations for potential elimination in anticipation that they plan to issue any new regulations, consistent with implementation guidance from the Director of the Office of Management Budget. The Bureau and Office Heads are responsible for communicating the contents of this Order to their staff and instructing their staff to follow this direction and to begin updating, as necessary, the relevant policies to reflect this change.

Sec. 5. Effect of this Order. This Order is intended to make Interior staff aware that President Trump has issued a policy agenda focused on deregulation, not regulation, and that it should be prioritized in fulfilling Interior's mission. Bureaus and Offices are to take all actions available to expedite prudent financial management and alleviate unnecessary regulatory burdens on the American people, consistent with applicable laws and regulations.

Sec. 6. Effective Date. This Order is effective immediately and will remain in effect until it is amended, superseded, or revoked, whichever occurs first.

Secretary of the Interior

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