Spring 2025 United Agenda of Regulatory and Deregulatory Actions: Projected United States Environmental Protection Agency Activities



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The United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") released a somewhat delayed Spring 2025 Semi-Annual Agenda of Regulatory and Deregulatory Actions ("Agenda").

The Agenda includes information addressing:

- EPA regulations in the Semi-Annual Agenda that are under development, completed, or cancelled since the last Agenda.
- EPA review of regulations with small business impacts under Section 610 of the Regulatory Flexibility Act.

The document offers an update to the public about regulatory activity undertaken in support of EPA's mission.

The Agenda includes:

- Notice of plans to review, propose, and issue regulations.
- Encouragement of public participation in meaningful engagement in regulatory activities and processes.
- Information about rules that may have significant economic impacts on a substantial number of small entities.
- Explanation in greater detail of the type of actions and information available in the Agenda that are currently undergoing review.

EPA (and all federal agencies) twice a year produce in combination a comprehensive report describing regulatory actions currently under development or recently completed. In particular, the Agenda identifies each regulatory action that the federal agency (such as EPA) expects to work on through the next twelve months.

Agency interests are typically associated with one of five rulemaking stages. Two key rulemaking stages include:

- Proposed rulemaking stage.
- Final rule stage.

Each Agenda entry typically provides a variety of information.

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

A copy of the Agenda can be downloaded here.