

# THE SUSTAINABILITY REPORT | July 31st 2025

Keeping corporate leaders up to date on how policy decisions in DC are impacting sustainability efforts across the country.

## EPA Proposes Rolling Back Endangerment Finding

Earlier this week, EPA Administrator Lee Zeldin formally proposed rescinding the 2009 Endangerment Finding, under which greenhouse gases were officially recognized as threats to public health and welfare. This decision underpins nearly all federal greenhouse-gas regulations under the Clean Air Act. Its removal would nullify vehicle emissions standards for light-, medium-, and heavy-duty vehicles, as well as engine rules and Biden-era EV mandates.

Zeldin characterized the move as the “largest deregulatory action in U.S. history” and projects consumer savings of up to \$54 billion annually and \$170 billion in economic relief for small businesses. Critics have warned that the rollback ignores settled climate science and public health impacts, and may expose the U.S. to increased climate risks and legal challenges, particularly from environmental groups.

## Washington, DC Update

The House is out for recess, and the Senate is close behind. Congressional staff will continue working through appropriations, permitting reform legislation, and other bills they hope to advance when elected officials return in September. President Trump’s recent executive actions have involved rolling back wind and solar, restricting renewable energy tax credits based on language in the One Big Beautiful Bill Act, and incentivizing data center development.

### Want to Learn More?

- You can read EPA’s press release [here](#).
- The New York Times contextualized the regulatory rollback [here](#).



# Engagement Opportunities

## AI Action Plan

The White House recently released its AI Action Plan, which included sections on investing in scientific datasets and building infrastructure to power data centers.

- *OSTP, DOE, and other departments will begin implementing the action plan, which will include opportunities for stakeholders to engage.*

## ePermit Act

Reps. Dusty Johnson (R-SD) and Scott Peters (D-CA) introduced the ePermit Act, which would create federal standards and a digital framework for permitting data across all federal agencies. The bill authorizes up to \$7m over six years to establish this database and user-friendly portal. Additionally, Reps. Bruce Westerman (R-AR) and Jared Golden (D-ME) introduced the Standardizing Permitting and Expediting Economic Development (SPEED) Act, which would make changes to NEPA to shorten permitting timelines.

- *If you are interested in permitting reform and have changes to these bills, reach out to these congressional offices over August recess.*

