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

EPA Climate Loans in Limbo

A federal appeals court ruled in favor of nonprofit grant recipients, upholding an injunction that blocks the EPA from terminating \$20 billion in Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund climate grants it had tried to claw back under Administrator Lee Zeldin, citing unsubstantiated "waste, fraud and abuse" claims. Unless the EPA appeals to the Supreme Court within seven days, the ruling effectively unfreezes the funds, letting groups like Climate United access money they've been denied for over a year. An EPA spokesperson, in response to the ruling, said the agency was "reviewing the judgment and considering next steps."

Washington, DC Update

DOE is prioritizing domestic oil and gas investment and its AI-focused Genesis Mission (278 projects selected), while Congress and FERC are increasingly focused on protecting ratepayers from rising electricity costs tied to data center demand. Personnel turnover continues across the administration's energy team ahead of the midterms, and permitting reform remains a live negotiating priority as Congress works through its packed fall agenda.

Want to Learn More

- You can read more about the ruling here: [Appeals Court Says E.P.A. Cannot Block Billions in Climate Grants - The New York Times](#)
- Separately, Democrats on the Science, Space, and Technology Committee sent a [letter](#) to DOE Secretary Wright about his testimony canceling \$7.5 in green energy grants.

Engagement Opportunities

- EPA has opened up funding for [Brownfields Job Training Grants](#) that recruit, train, and place local, unemployed, and underemployed residents in the environmental field. Grants are up to \$6M.
 - ***If interested, apply by September 23, 2026.***
- The National Energy Technology Laboratory is accepting grants up to \$150M for [Improved Oil and Gas Recovery and Produced Water Management Technologies](#).
 - ***Applications are due by September 8, 2026.***