

THE SUSTAINABILITY REPORT | April 30th 2026

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

Department Leads Discuss Priorities

Last month, the White House released the FY27 President’s Budget, laying out how it would recommend federal spending. Each year, department heads go to the Hill to testify on the President’s Budget and share more on their priorities. This year was no different.

EPA Administrator Zeldin faced questions on recent regulations that would roll back climate change programs. Interior Secretary Burgum answered many questions on permitting reform and why certain renewable permits were not moving through the process. DOE Secretary Wright faced questions on energy prices.

Across the energy and environment hearings, there were bipartisan questions about staffing and getting appropriated funds out the door.

Washington, DC Update

Most of the focus has been on the impact of the Iran war and its impact on energy prices. With prices going up, the White House has been pulling all levers, including invoking the Defense Production Act, to add more supply. Permitting reform talks have resumed, but there is still deep distrust between Senate Democrats and the administration over renewable energy project approvals. The House Appropriations Committee is working through FY27 funding bills that will impact energy and environmental priorities, with the Senate likely releasing its version later this year.

Want to Learn More?

- You can watch the [Senate Appropriations Committee](#) and [House Appropriations Committee](#) hearings.
- Politico gives an [overview](#) of the hearing with Secretary Wright.

Engagement Opportunities

BUILD Grant Applications

- President Trump invoked the Defense Production Act to expand domestic fuel and power production, directing federal support toward petroleum refining, coal-fired power, natural gas pipelines, LNG capacity, and grid infrastructure like gas turbines and transformers.
 - *Department of Energy will issue implementation guidance in the Federal Register and begin issuing funding opportunities in the coming months.*

Farm Bill Markup

- The EPA launched WRAP 2.0, which will focus on the following three initiatives: (1) Supporting Reuse for Resurgent Domestic Industry—Component fabrication, finished products, and agricultural production; (2) Water for the U.S. Technology Revolution—Microchip and memory fabrication and data center cooling; and (3) Unleashing American Energy Dominance—Electricity generation and energy development.
 - *This is a voluntary program that works with industry, state and local governments, and the nonprofit sector to implement initiatives.*

EPA Education Grant

- The House passed its Farm Bill today, and Senate Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry Committee Chairman Boozman said that he will release his version in the coming weeks.
 - *Now is the time to engage on key issues if the Farm Bill impacts your issues.*

