



Below is a list of goals, objectives, and issues in Washington and Austin.

FEDERAL

Priorities To Be Achieved By Executive Order

1. Recognize the supremacy of states in regulating the oil and gas industry, i.e. seismicity.
2. Halt EPA Information Collection Request (ICR) and eliminate the methane regulation. *(Done)*
3. Terminate EPA's Environmental Justice and National Enforcement initiatives against oil industry. *(Done)*
4. Terminate EPA/DOJ enforcement initiative (the so-called "Worker Endangerment Initiative").
5. Overturn executive orders, executive memoranda, agency guidance, and policy documents requiring agencies to consider climate change in all decisions. *(Done)*
6. Direct EPA to enter settlement negotiations in pending cases challenging methane air emissions known as OOOOa and "Waters of the US" rules, and agree the rules exceed EPA authority.
7. Direct EPA to defend exemption of oil, gas waste exemption as hazardous materials under RCRA.
8. Accept as final the EPA study of hydraulic fracturing's impact on ground water.
9. Rescind PHMSA's gathering line rule and underground gas storage rule.
10. Prevent OSHA's attempts to mandate Process Safety Management (PSM) in E&P sector.
11. Unwind Paris Climate Treaty. *(Done)*

Priorities To Be Achieved By Administrative Action

1. Cut EPA's budget/staff. Redirect priorities to water (Flint) and wastewater infrastructure. *(Done)*
2. Recommend reducing budget of federal agencies, including EPA, DOE, Interior, and others. *(Done)*
3. SEC 5-year reserve reporting rule and Dodd-Frank.
4. CAFE standards and Renewable Fuel Standards, including ethanol mandate.
5. Cut subsidies for wind, solar, renewable fuels and electric cars.
6. Seek repeal of "sue and settle" policy at Justice Department. *(Done)*

Priorities To Be Achieved By The U.S. Congress

1. Pass the Regulatory Accountability Act. *(Passed House, waiting for Senate action.)*
2. Pass the Regulations in Need of Scrutiny Act. *(Passed House, waiting for Senate action.)*
3. Pass the Midnight Rules Relief Act. *(Passed House, waiting for Senate action.)*
4. Tax Blueprint legislation simplifying tax code for individuals and businesses.
5. Revise/repeal the Affordable Care Act (ObamaCare).
6. Amend federal environmental laws to decrease frequency of review requirements or only require review when scientifically-based circumstance dictates (e.g., NAAQS).

[\(State goals and objective on reverse side.\)](#)

STATE

Texas Legislature

- ✓ Pass RRC sunset review bill. *(Done)*
- ✓ Financing of RRC. *(Done)*
- ✓ IT upgrade that will permit automated violation detection. *(Done)*
- ✓ Passage of resolution encouraging Congress to repeal, replace, or delegate back to states regulations, called Federal Energy Regulation Delegation (FRED). *(Done)*
- ✓ Eminent domain legislation putting new restriction on development. *(Did not pass)*
- ✓ Protect industry against increased taxation, fees, and regulatory requirements. *(Done)*

Railroad Commission

- ✓ Induced seismic activity.
- ✓ Injection and disposal well regulations.
- ✓ Inactive well rule still leaves operators confused.
- ✓ Increased enforcement and fines at RRC.
- ✓ Increased transparency by posting enforcement and/or violations on RRC web page.
- ✓ Seek support for re-fracturing of wells.
- ✓ Implementation and consistency of changes to drilling, completion, cementing rule (Rule 13).

Air Emission Regulations

- ✓ Air emission reporting requirements under subpart OOOO and methane rule OOOOa.
- ✓ Enforcement includes “flyovers” and filming of oil field operations with special camera.

Water

- ✓ Industry exemption to obtain permit to use water.
- ✓ Oil field water use reporting requirements.
- ✓ Ground Water Conservation District increasing involvement on water usage.
- ✓ Usage of water in hydraulic fracturing operations.
- ✓ Disposal of produced water, recycling rule, and desalination.
- ✓ Establish a baseline data bank regarding water quality.

Transportation

- ✓ Maintenance of roads in high-use areas.
- ✓ Possible increase in road use fees.
- ✓ Safety issues.

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