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## White House outlines agenda for Obama's final months

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The Obama administration's latest compilation of pending regulatory actions shows more than 3,300 of them flowing through the pipeline, including a controversial stream protection rule and action to curb venting and flaring of natural gas from drilling projects on public lands.

Federal agencies aim to roll out energy efficiency standards, updates to resource management plans, coal ash rules and further actions to limit greenhouse gas emissions.

Released yesterday, the spring regulatory agenda is the White House's second-to-last biannual roundup before a new president takes over in 2017.

### EPA

The agency is also moving ahead with revisions to its "exceptional events" rule, which effectively gives states a pass on air pollution violations deemed outside of their control. EPA officials have touted the rule as one tool for compliance with the new ozone standard. After releasing its proposed changes in November, **EPA is scheduled to release the final rule in September.**

### Interior

The Bureau of Land Management **by November** plans to release a final rule to curb the venting and flaring of natural gas from drilling projects on public lands.

The draft rule released in January would require operators to use off-the-shelf technologies to reduce flaring, which happens when operators burn off excess gas, and would seek to eliminate venting, which is the direct release of methane into the atmosphere (*Greenwire*, Jan. 22).

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