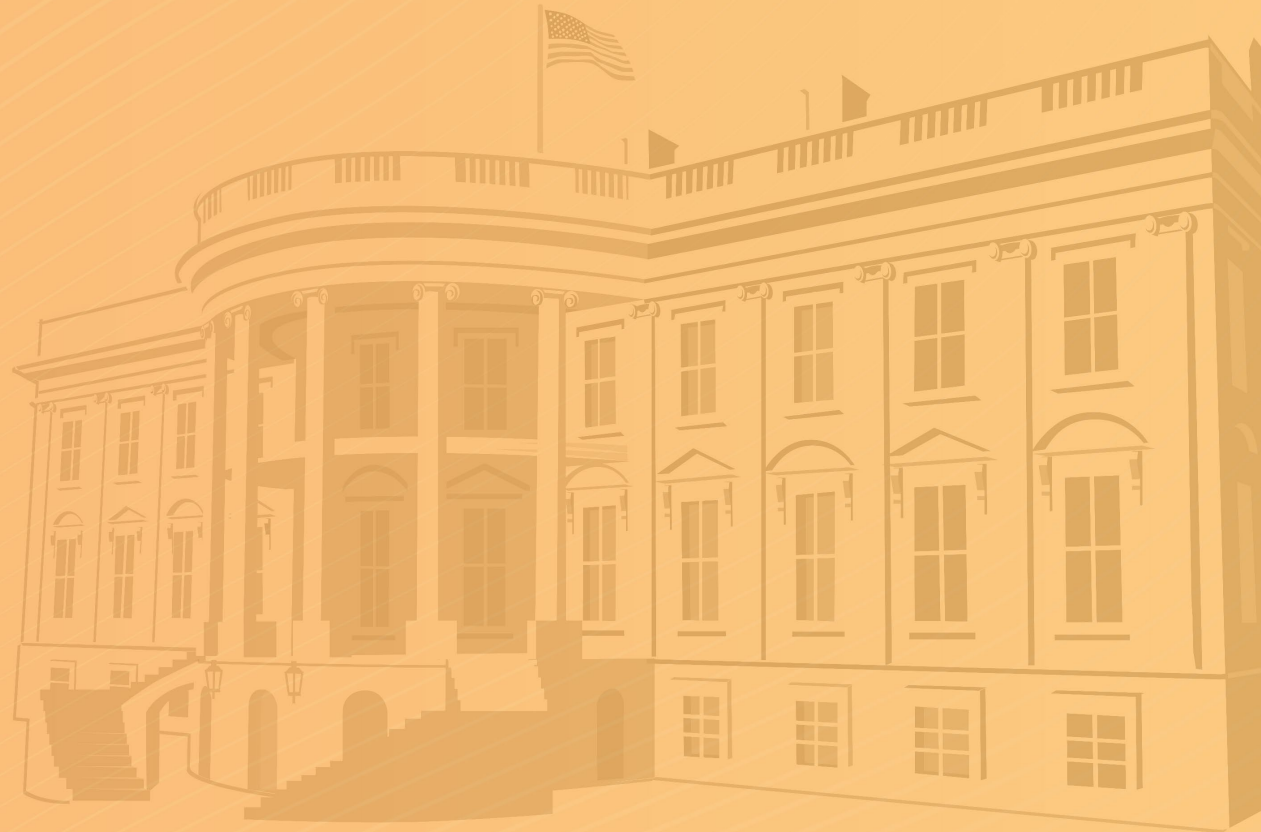


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Navigating The Future of Federal Environmental Policy



How Do We Change Environmental Policy?



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Legislative

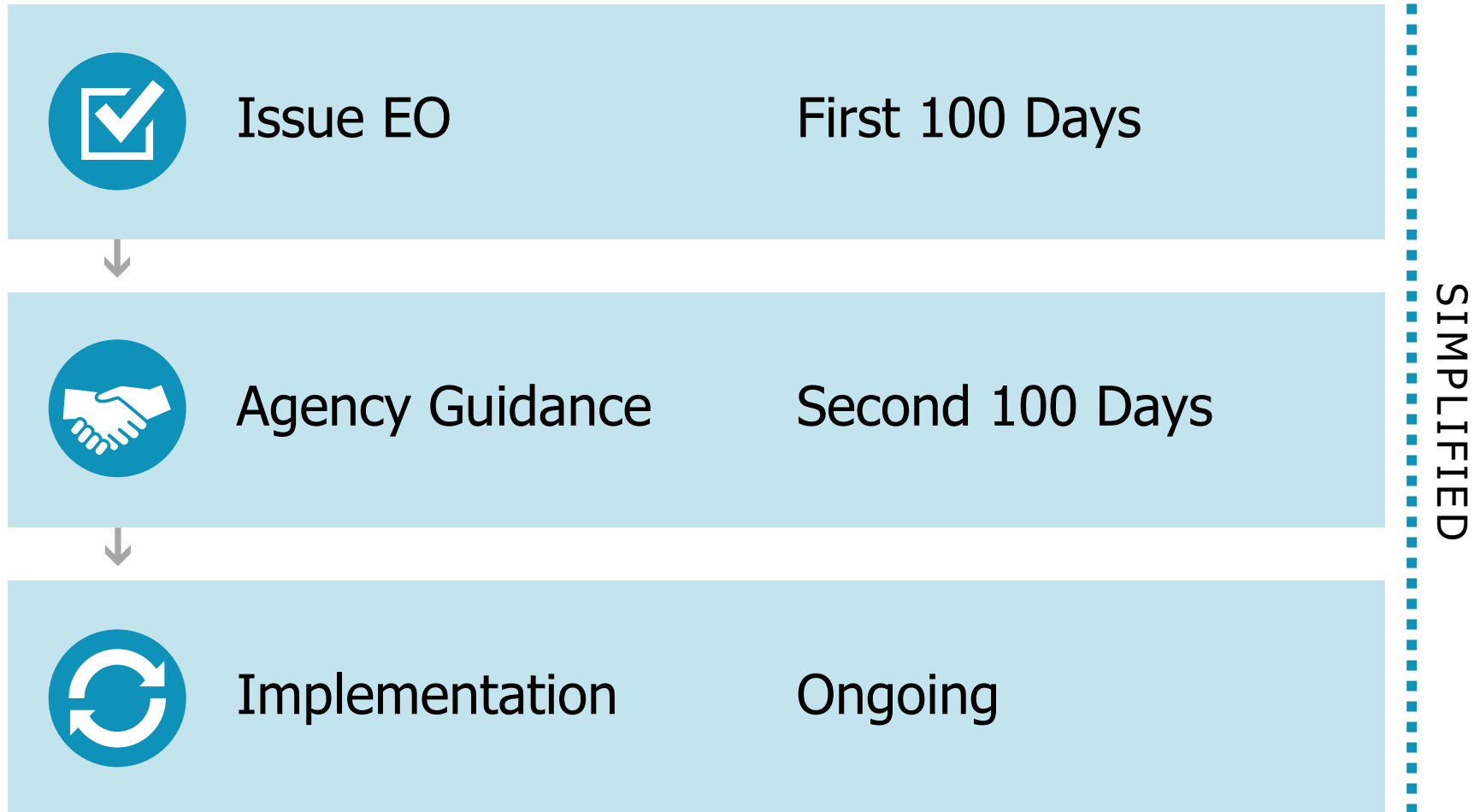


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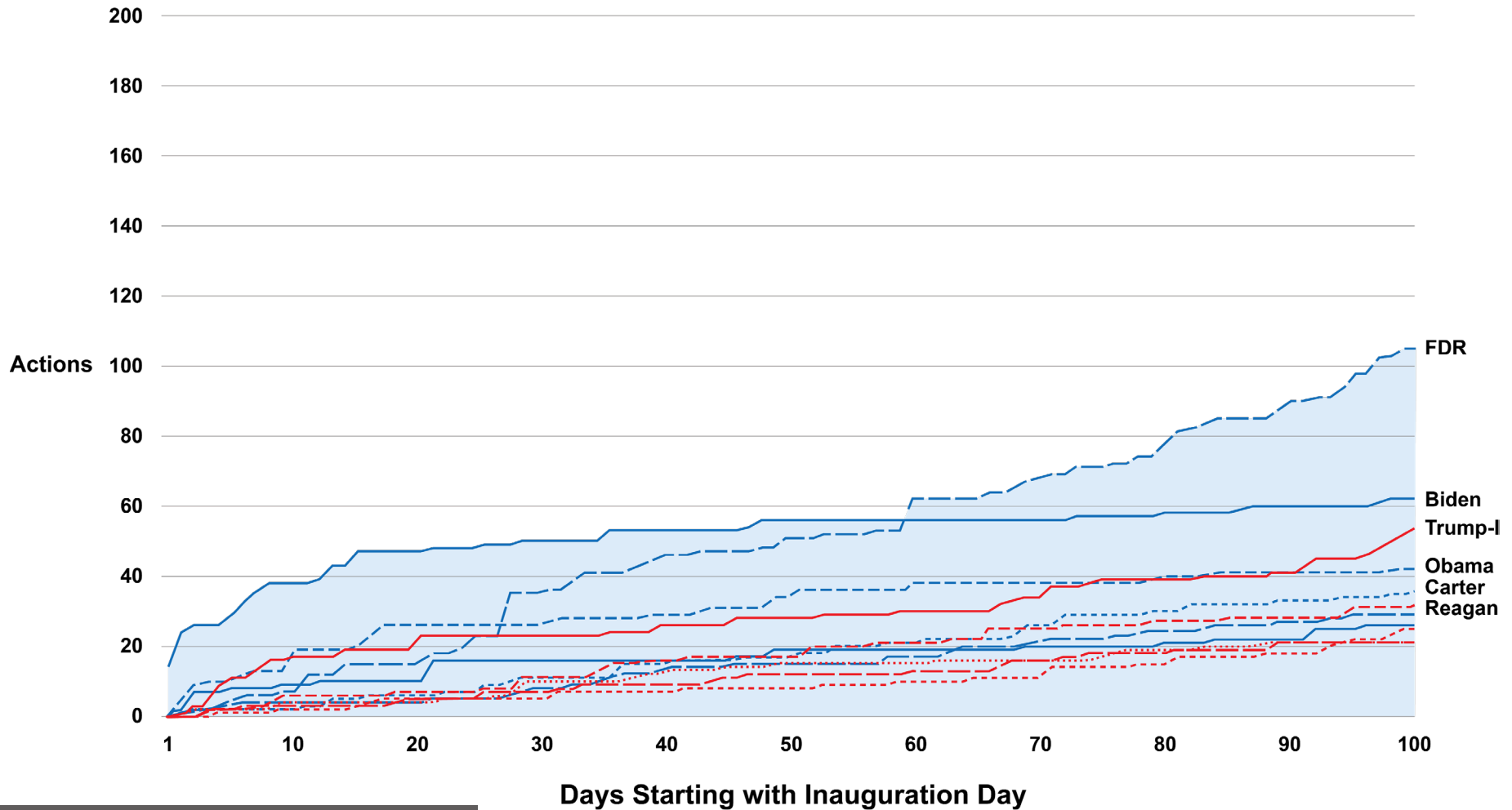
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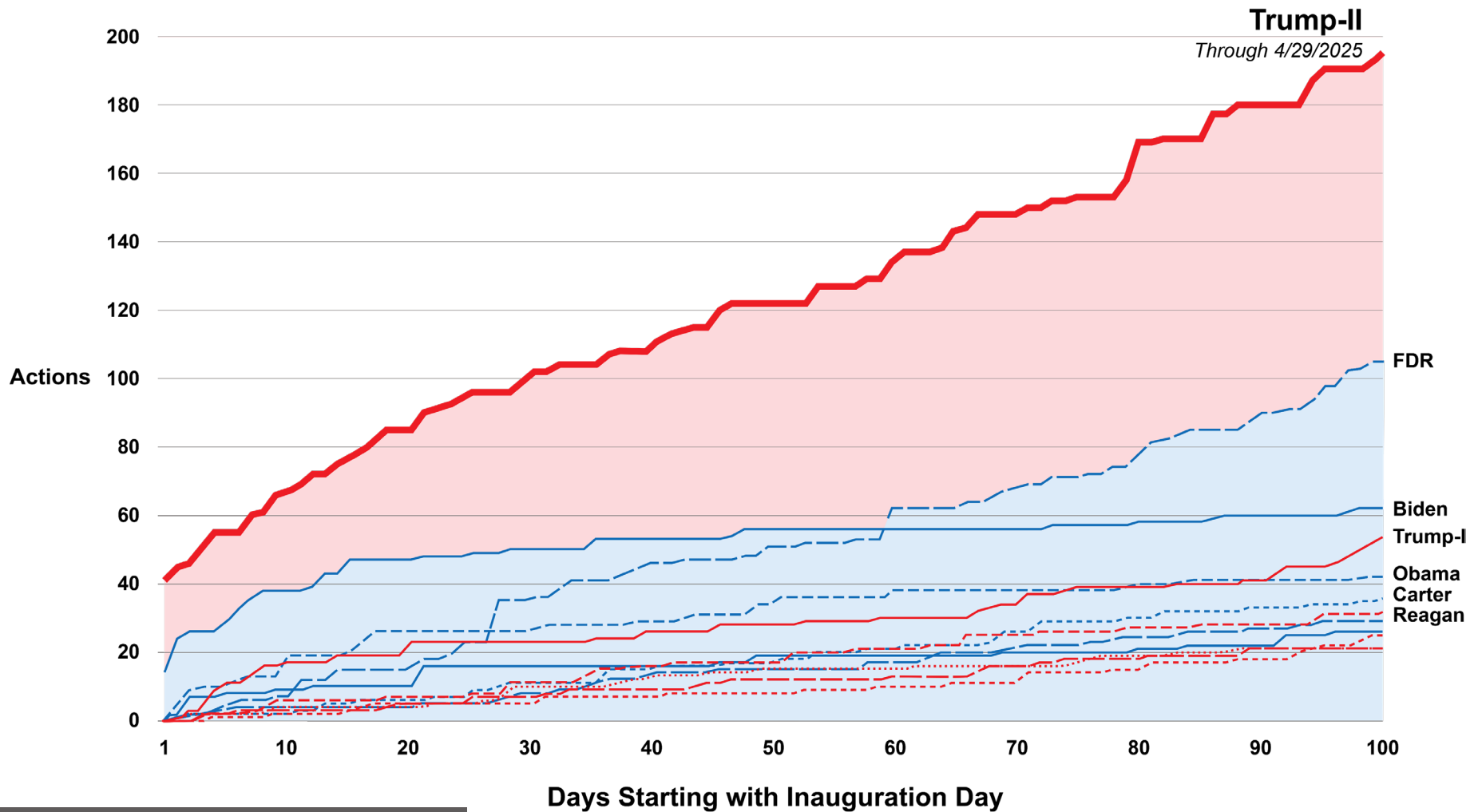
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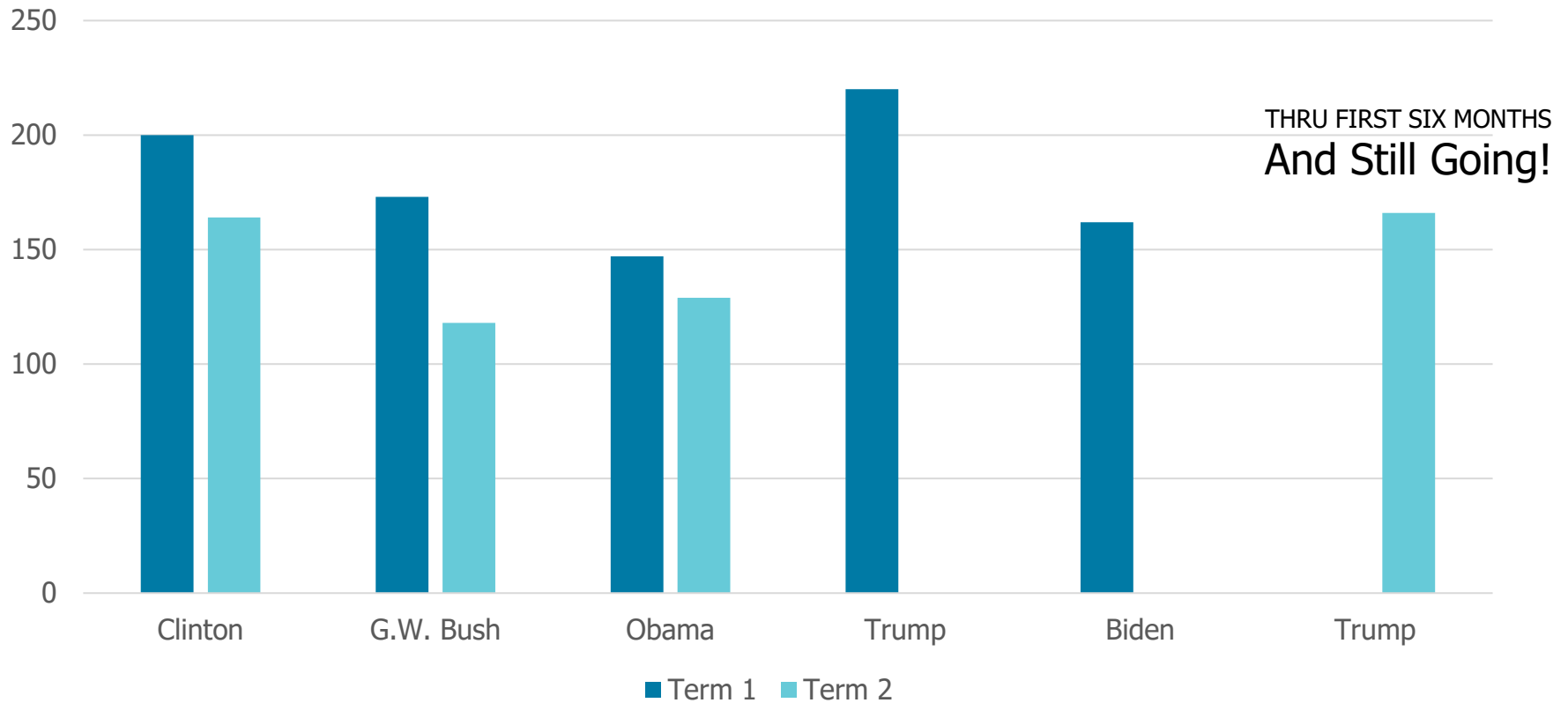
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Recent Comparisons

Total EOs issued by term



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EO 14151

Ending Radical and Wasteful Government DEI Programs and Preferencing (Jan 20)

EO 14154

Unleashing American Energy (Jan 20)

Presidential Memorandum

Temporary Withdrawal of OCS for Offshore Wind, Review of Permitting for Wind

EO 14156

Declaring an Energy Emergency (Jan 20)

EO 14158

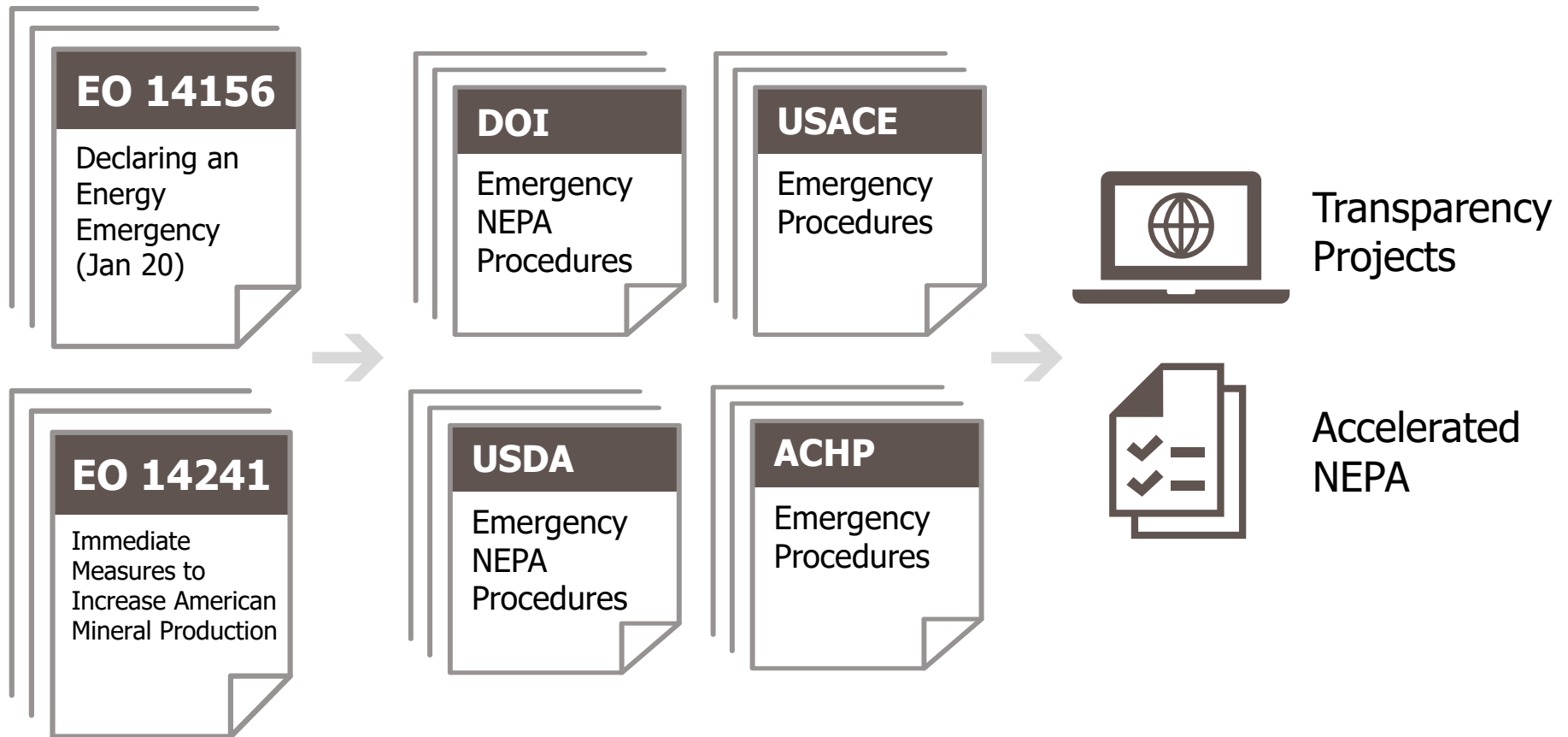
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Executive Actions

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CEQ

Rescind
Regulations, Issue
Guidance

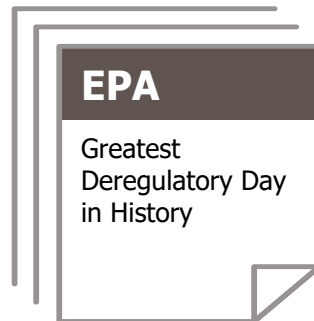
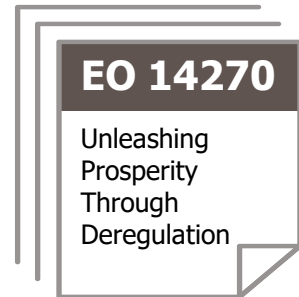
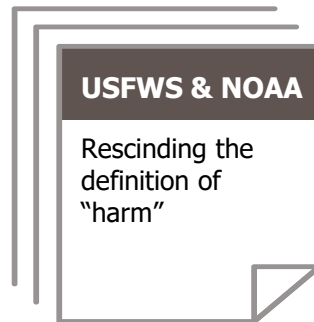
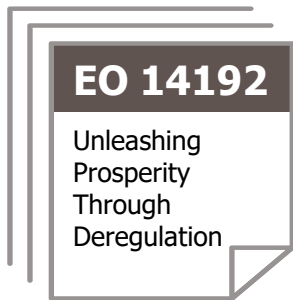
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Updated NEPA
Procedures

TEASER

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Policy → Agency Guidance → Implementation



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EO 14173

Ending Illegal Discrimination and Restoring Merit-Based Opportunity

USDOT Secretarial Order

- Eliminates DOT Equity Council
- Rescinds USDOT EJ Order

Notices of Funding Availability

Removes mentions of environmental justice considerations

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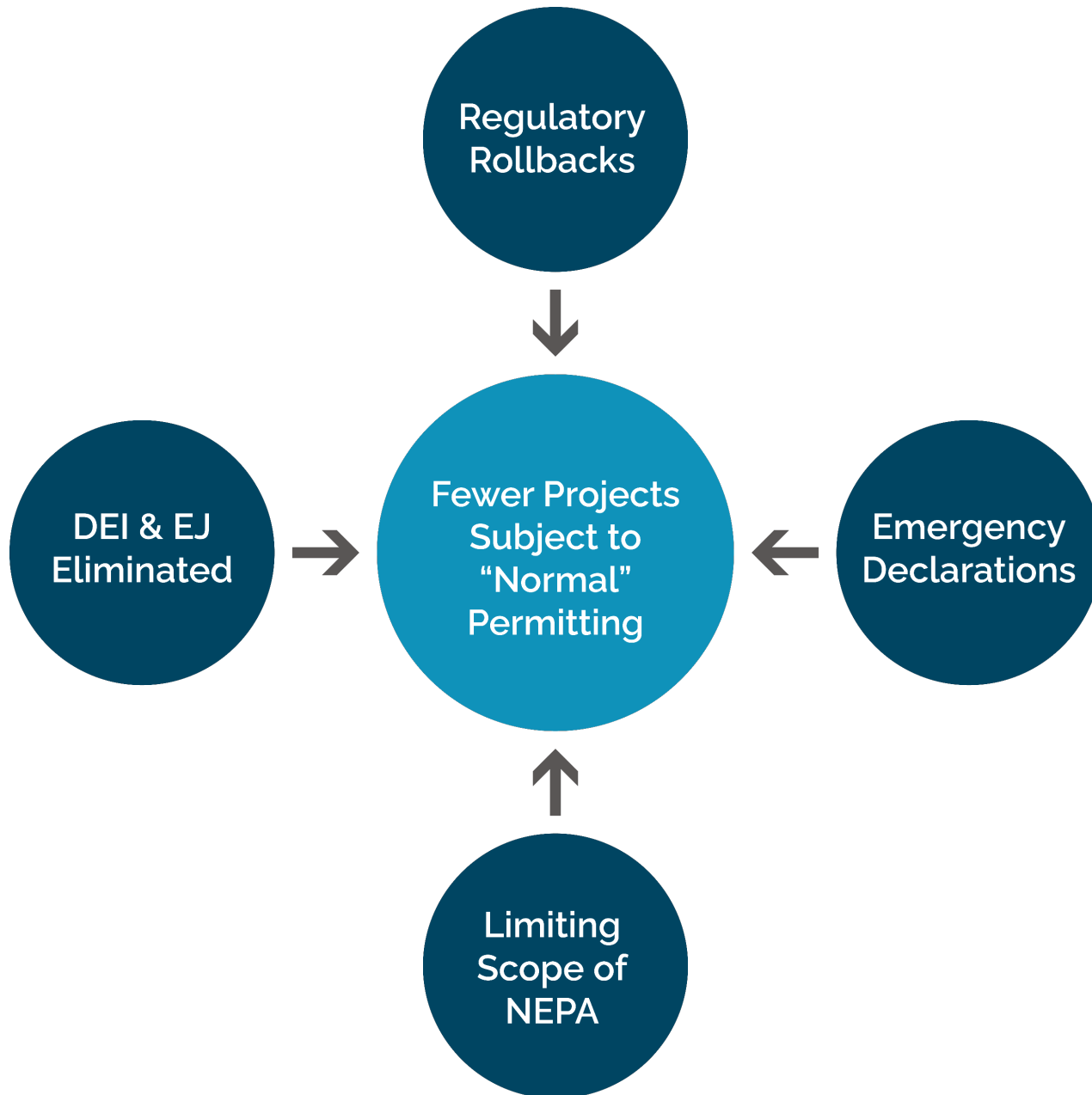
Updating Permitting Technology for the 21st Century

CEQ Permitting Technology Action Plan

- Minimum functional requirements
- NEPA and permitting data standards

Permitting Council Agencies

90 days to begin adoption (July 14)





Legislative

Big Beautiful Bill

Section 60026 – Project Sponsor Opt-In Fees for Environmental Reviews

- Amends NEPA
- Creates process for sponsor to pay CEQ a fee equal to 125% of cost to do environmental review for accelerated decision making
- 6 months for an EA
- 12 months for an EIS

Permitting Reform in 119th Congress

[CONGRESS.GOV](https://www.congress.gov)

42+

NEPA

90+

Clean Water Act

117+

Endangered Species Act



Judicial

Supreme Court Decision

Seven Counties Infrastructure Coalition

- Landmark decision (see prior NAEP webinar with Fred and Jay)
- Heavily relied upon in agency NEPA updates

Ongoing Litigation

Will inform future policy



Energy Emergency
Declaration



Pause in wind
development



Removal of climate
change data



Rescission of
congestion pricing
program



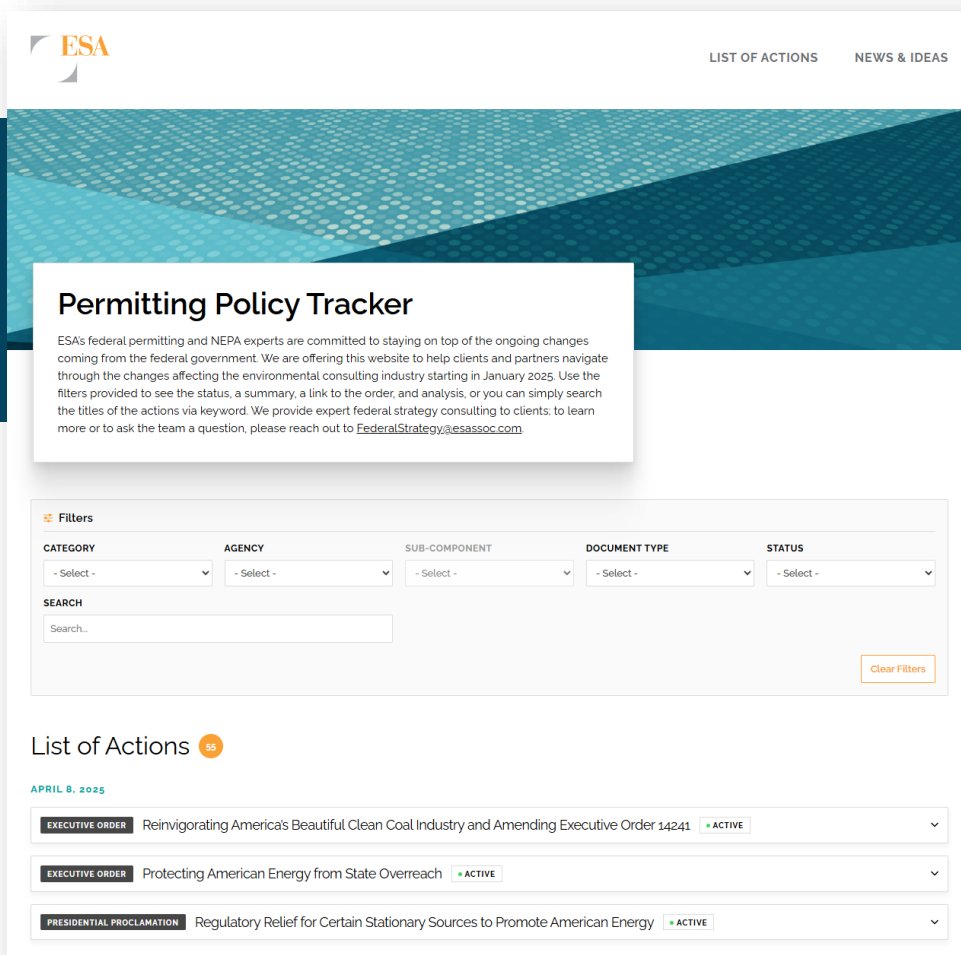
Funding clawbacks



Staff Layoff and
Reorganization
plans

THIS LIST IS NOT EXHAUSTIVE

Thank you!



The screenshot shows the 'Permitting Policy Tracker' website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the ESA logo on the left and 'LIST OF ACTIONS' and 'NEWS & IDEAS' on the right. Below the navigation bar is a large teal banner with a pattern of small white dots. A white box on the left side of the banner contains the title 'Permitting Policy Tracker' and a paragraph of text: 'ESA's federal permitting and NEPA experts are committed to staying on top of the ongoing changes coming from the federal government. We are offering this website to help clients and partners navigate through the changes affecting the environmental consulting industry starting in January 2025. Use the filters provided to see the status, a summary, a link to the order, and analysis, or you can simply search the titles of the actions via keyword. We provide expert federal strategy consulting to clients; to learn more or to ask the team a question, please reach out to FederalStrategy@esassoc.com'.

Below the banner is a 'Filters' section with five dropdown menus: 'CATEGORY', 'AGENCY', 'SUB-COMPONENT', 'DOCUMENT TYPE', and 'STATUS'. Each dropdown menu has a '- Select -' option. Below the dropdowns is a 'SEARCH' section with a text input field labeled 'Search...' and a 'Clear Filters' button.

Below the filters is a 'List of Actions' section with a red circle containing the number '55'. Below this is a date filter 'APRIL 8, 2025'. The list of actions is displayed in a table with three rows:

CATEGORY	TITLE	STATUS
EXECUTIVE ORDER	Reinvigorating America's Beautiful Clean Coal Industry and Amending Executive Order 14241	ACTIVE
EXECUTIVE ORDER	Protecting American Energy from State Overreach	ACTIVE
PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION	Regulatory Relief for Certain Stationary Sources to Promote American Energy	ACTIVE

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