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## Top 10 Regulatory & Fiscal Wins under Secretary of Energy Chris Wright

In less than 9 months, under Secretary Chris Wright, the U.S. Department of Energy launched the largest deregulatory effort in history, canceled billions in wasteful subsidies, and restored America's path toward true energy dominance.

- 1 **The Department of Energy undertook the “largest deregulatory effort in history,”** rescinding or blocking 47 specific regulations and standards for a variety of consumer and commercial appliances, including *Conservation Standards for Automatic Commercial Ice Makers, Energy Conservation Standards for Commercial Prerinse Spray Valves, Water Use Standards for Faucets*, and more.  
*See: [Energy Department Slashes 47 Burdensome and Costly Regulations \(May 12 2025\)](#)*
- 2 **DOE delayed, with an eye toward rescinding, energy-efficiency standards for federal buildings**, saving millions of dollars in unnecessary upgrades.  
*See: [Clean Energy for New Federal Buildings and Major Renovations – Stay \(May 5 2025\)](#)*
- 3 **DOE streamlined the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) review process** to cut Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) requirements by issuing new guidance that limits unnecessary analysis of upstream and downstream GHG effects, expands categorical exclusions for low-impact projects, and shortens the maximum deadline for EIS completion from three years to two.  
*See: [Revision of National Environmental Policy Act Implementing Procedures \(July 3 2025\)](#)*
- 4 **DOE canceled billions of dollars in funding for wind and solar projects** approved under the previous administration.  
*See: [DOE Announces Termination of 223 Projects Saving Over \\$7.5 Billion \(Energy.gov\)](#)*
- 5 **DOE terminated \$3.7 billion in carbon-capture and decarbonization grants** previously approved under Biden, 16 of the 24 projects were signed between Election Day and Inauguration Day. These cancellations signal DOE's shift away from politicized spending toward cost-effective energy innovation.  
*See: [Utility Dive – DOE Cancels \\$3.7B in Carbon Capture and Decarbonization Awards \(Feb 2025\)](#) and [WSJ – Energy Department to Slash Nearly \\$24 Billion in Green Project Funding \(Mar 2025\)](#)*

- 6 **Secretary Wright created the Climate Working Group**, which produced *A Critical Review of Impacts of Greenhouse Gas Emissions on the U.S. Climate*.  
*See: [DOE Climate Working Group Report \(July 2025\)](#)*
- 7 **Wright ordered the National Petroleum Council to deliver a “Future Energy Systems” study** focused on bolstering oil and gas development by identifying pipeline needs and recommending permitting and regulatory reforms to expand and expedite production and delivery.  
*See: [Powering the Future: Secretary Wright Calls on NPC for Energy Study \(Sep 22 2025\)](#)*
- 8 **DOE fast-tracked approvals for multiple LNG projects** previously sidelined under Biden, streamlined permitting requirements, and extended operating authorizations for other LNG export facilities.  
*See: [Secretary Wright Issues First LNG Export Approval \(Feb 14 2025\)](#) and [DOE Issues Extension for Delfin LNG Project \(Mar 10 2025\)](#)*
- 9 **DOE has canceled hundreds of millions in electric-vehicle and battery-manufacturing grants**, including funds for EV charger networks, battery plants, and start-up manufacturers — a broader rollback of politically driven subsidies in favor of market-based investment.  
*See: [DOE Cancels More Than \\$700 Million in Battery Manufacturing Projects \(E&E News, Oct 20 2025\)](#)*
- 10 **DOE is advancing small modular reactor (SMR) development** through partnerships with national laboratories and universities, including new funding for research at Idaho National Laboratory, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, and Purdue University. In April 2025, DOE announced up to \$900 million to accelerate U.S.-made SMR deployment.  
*See: [DOE Announces \\$900 Million to Unlock Commercial Deployment of American-Made SMRs \(Apr 2025\)](#)*

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