

# US Policy & Economy Update: Major 2026 Announcements on Environment, T

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**1. In February 2026, the EPA finalized a rule rescinding a key finding related to greenhouse gas emissions. Which finding was rescinded?**

- A) The Clean Air Act's Endangerment Finding**
- B) The Global Warming Potential Index
- C) The Carbon Footprint Reduction Mandate
- D) The Renewable Energy Standard

**2. What significant event is planned for NASA's Artemis II mission in February 2026?**

- A) A crewed mission around the Moon**
- B) The first landing on Mars
- C) The launch of the James Webb Space Telescope's successor
- D) An uncrewed mission to Jupiter's moon Europa

**3. The U.S. economy grew at what pace in the first three months of 2026, according to new government data?**

- A) 2 percent**
- B) 1.5 percent
- C) 3 percent
- D) 2.5 percent

**4. What is a key focus of the 'National Policy Framework for Artificial Intelligence' released by the White House in March 2026?**

- A) Federal preemption of conflicting state AI laws**
- B) A ban on all AI development
- C) Mandatory AI art generation for all citizens
- D) International collaboration on AI ethics only

**5. In early March 2026, the Trump administration released a new national cybersecurity strategy. How many core pillars does it emphasize?**

- A) Six**
- B) Four
- C) Eight
- D) Ten

**6. Which of the following is a major change in healthcare policy signaled in President Trump's 'Great Healthcare Plan' in February 2026?**

- A) A shift towards a consumer-directed healthcare model**
- B) Elimination of all private health insurance
- C) Mandatory government-provided healthcare for all citizens
- D) A focus solely on hospital-based care

**7. The House of Representatives passed the Farm, Food and National Security Act of 2026 in April. What was a notable provision removed from the bill before its passage?**

- A) Year-round E15 fuel sales**
- B) Funding for crop insurance
- C) Conservation program funding
- D) Support for organic farming

**8. In April 2026, five state Departments of Transportation launched major infrastructure projects. Which of these states was NOT mentioned as launching projects?**

- A) Florida**
- B) Minnesota
- C) Ohio
- D) Texas

**9. What is a significant outcome of the U.S. Department of Education's final rule on college costs and student loan repayment, set to take effect July 1, 2026?**

- A) Simplification of repayment options and establishment of a new income-driven repayment plan**
- B) Abolishment of all federal student loans
- C) Increased interest rates on all student loans
- D) Elimination of all Pell Grants

**10. The U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis reported that real gross domestic product (GDP) increased at an annual rate of what in the first quarter of 2026?**

- A) 2.0 percent**
- B) 1.0 percent
- C) 3.5 percent
- D) 1.8 percent

**11. In January 2026, the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) announced funding for which upcoming national celebration?**

- A) The nation's semiquincentennial (250th anniversary)**
- B) The bicentennial of the Statue of Liberty
- C) The centennial of the Grand Canyon National Park
- D) The 50th anniversary of the moon landing

**12. What is a key development in environmental regulation in 2026, according to a February briefing, particularly concerning 'forever chemicals'?**

- A) Expansion of PFAS reporting and cleanup obligations by the EPA**
- B) A complete ban on all PFAS chemicals nationwide
- C) Reduction in EPA's oversight of PFAS substances
- D) Increased private sector funding for PFAS research only

**13. What change to the 'Product of USA' labeling rule did the USDA announce in January 2026?**

- A) The USDA began enforcing the rule, preventing meat from being labeled 'Product of USA' if only repackaged in the U.S.**
- B) The USDA relaxed the 'Product of USA' labeling requirements
- C) The USDA introduced a new 'Product of North America' label
- D) The USDA removed all 'Product of USA' labeling requirements for meat

**14. Regarding Artificial Intelligence (AI) legislation in early 2026, what did the Senate pass, providing a private right of action for victims of nonconsensual intimate imagery?**

- A) The DEFIANCE Act (S. 1837)**
- B) The AI Transparency Act
- C) The Digital Rights Protection Bill
- D) The Online Harassment Prevention Act

**15. The U.S. Space Force has a new program to develop space-based missile interceptors. What is this program called?**

- A) Space-Based Interceptor (SBI) program**
- B) Project Starshield
- C) Guardian Missile Defense
- D) Orbital Defense Initiative