

US Environmental Policy Shake-Ups: Public Lands, Wind Projects, and EPA C

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1. What federal agency officially rescinded the "Public Land Rule" this week, which previously required considering conservation in land management decisions?

- A) U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
- B) National Park Service (NPS)
- C) U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM)**
- D) U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS)

2. The cancellation of the Public Land Rule is expected to boost which activities on millions of acres of public lands across the West?

- A) Wildlife rehabilitation and protected species reintroduction
- B) Oil and gas drilling, logging, mining, and grazing**
- C) New national park designations and wilderness area expansions
- D) Sustainable tourism and ecotourism development

3. What is the Trump administration's plan regarding up to 24 million acres of federal lands, including parts of Grand Canyon National Park?

- A) Designating them as new national monuments
- B) Opening them for expanded cattle grazing**
- C) Implementing large-scale reforestation projects
- D) Restricting all public access for ecological restoration

4. Which U.S. government department recently stalled approvals for approximately 165 onshore wind projects, citing national security concerns?

- A) Department of Energy (DOE)
- B) Department of Defense (DoD)**
- C) Department of Commerce (DOC)
- D) Department of the Interior (DOI)

5. What scientific determination, forming the legal basis for federal climate policy, did the Trump administration formally rescind this week?

- A) The Clean Air Act's definition of pollutants
- B) The Endangerment Finding for greenhouse gases**
- C) The mandate for renewable energy quotas
- D) The protected status of endangered species

6. According to a new Onterris Outlook report this week, how do a majority of executives now view environmental performance?

- A) As a minor compliance burden
- B) As primarily a public relations concern
- C) As central to long-term business growth**
- D) As irrelevant to financial planning

7. A new UN Environment Programme (UNEP) report released this week highlights a surging global demand for which essential resource, outpacing sustainable supply?

- A) Freshwater
- B) Timber
- C) Sand**
- D) Rare earth minerals