

The landscape for energy and climate policy in the United States

Given the past year of changes in US energy policy, what should we expect in the future? The Trump Administration has reversed the majority of the federal climate mitigation policies and withdrawn the United States from the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change. Meanwhile, US electricity demand is surging, and affordability concerns are growing. Against this backdrop, there are at least four areas where climate mitigation may advance over the next few years: permitting and siting reform, electricity policy reform, trade and industrial policy, and state-level climate policies. In the longer term, we expect renewed interest in durable federal policies to drive light-duty vehicle electrification, clean electricity, low-carbon industrial products, and innovation.