



How the 2020 Elections and Congressional Review Act May Shape U.S. Environmental and Energy Policy

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The environmental and energy goals of President Trump and former Vice President Joe Biden differ on nearly every level, as Trump focuses on U.S. “energy dominance” and Biden eyes a “clean energy revolution” with climate and environmental justice concerns at the forefront. The winner of the 2020 presidential election will rely on a host of tools to achieve his goals, including executive orders, regulatory rulemakings, permitting decisions, and federal funding. The Congressional elections also will have a significant impact, since the next Congress could use the Congressional Review Act to invalidate a number of significant environmental and energy rules finalized towards the end of Trump’s first term in office.

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