

Climate Policy Update

May 2, 2022

Good evening! This is Akin Gump's [weekly policy newsletter](#) on all things **climate change**. Below are the major federal climate policy headlines of the past week:

- **[Biden Administration Launches \\$3 Billion Plan for Electric Car Batteries](#)**

On Monday, May 2nd, the U.S. Department of Energy announced the launch of two [Bipartisan Infrastructure Law programs](#) that will provide \$3.16 billion in funding to advance domestic battery manufacturing and recycling and second-life applications for batteries used to power electric vehicles. The "[Battery Materials Processing and Battery Manufacturing](#)" and "[Electric Drive Vehicle Battery Recycling and Second Life Applications](#)" funding opportunities were issued by the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE) and both have application submission deadlines in July.

- **[Manchin Convenes Bipartisan Talks on Climate and Energy Legislation](#)**

(E&E News)

Last week, Senate Energy and Natural Resources Chairman Joe Manchin (D-WV) met with a group of bipartisan Senators to discuss a new climate and energy legislative package building upon the stalled *Build Back Better Act*. Attendees of the meeting included Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R-AK), Sen. Kevin Cramer (R-ND), Sen. Tom Carper (D-DE), and Sen. Mark Kelly (D-AZ).

Check out below for key quotes, federal agency news, and a look at the week ahead in congressional hearings and think tank events...

Quotes of the Week

"We need more from Congress. Do we need \$550 billion? Maybe not. Do we need some core tax credits and some core consumer credits for the American people to be able to succeed? We do need those and we expect to be able to achieve them."

– **National Climate Advisor Gina McCarthy *discussing the necessity of Build Back Better climate investments***

(Bloomberg Law – April 28, 2022)

"If it starts looking like a reconciliation or Build Back Better, then obviously Republicans will be out."

– **Sen. Kevin Cramer (R-ND) commenting on bipartisan energy legislation discussions**
([POLITICO](#) – April 26, 2022)

"Dan is a committed public servant to his core, and I thank him for answering the call to return to government and wish him all the best in his next chapter."

– **Special Presidential Envoy for Climate John Kerry on the departure of his Chief of Staff Dan Feldman**
([AXIOS](#) – April 29, 2022)

Upcoming Congressional Hearings (May 2-6, 2022)

Senate

House of Representatives

Fiscal Year 2023 Proposed Budget for the Forest Service

Senate Committee on Appropriations –
Subcommittee on Department of the Interior,
Environment, and Related Agencies
Wednesday, May 4, 10:00 a.m. EST
124 Dirksen Senate Office Building

Fiscal Year 2023 Proposed Budget for the Department of Energy

Senate Committee on Appropriations –
Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development
Wednesday, May 4, 10:00 a.m. EST
192 Dirksen Senate Office Building

State Work Period

No scheduled hearings.

Hearing to Examine the President's FY2023 Budget Request for the Department of Energy

Senate Committee on Energy and Natural
Resources
Thursday, May 5, 10:00 a.m. EST
366 Dirksen Senate Office Building

Federal Agency Climate News

The White House

[Statement by Press Secretary Jen Psaki on EPA Issuing Emergency Fuel Waiver for E15 \(April 29\)](#)

[Joint Statement between the United States and the European Commission on European Energy Security \(April 29\)](#)

US Department of the Interior

[Biden-Harris Administration Advances Three Transmission Projects to Connect More Clean Energy to the Grid \(April 29\)](#)

[Biden-Harris Administration Advances Offshore Wind Energy Leasing on Atlantic and Pacific Coasts \(April 27\)](#)

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

[EPA Issues Emergency Fuel Waiver for E15 Sales \(April 29\)](#)

U.S. Department of Energy (DOE)

[Biden Administration Announces \\$3.16 Billion from Bipartisan Infrastructure Law to Boost Domestic Battery Manufacturing and Supply Chains \(May 2\)](#)

[Statement by Secretary Granholm on U.S. Senate Confirmation of Brad Crabtree \(April 28\)](#)

[Biden Administration Launches \\$2.3 Billion Program to Strengthen and Modernize America's Power Grid \(April 27\)](#)

[Biden Administration Implements New Cost-Saving Energy Efficiency Standards for Light Bulbs \(April 26\)](#)

Upcoming D.C. Climate Events (Registration)

[Active Carbon Management Critical Tools in the Climate Toolbox](#)

Information Technology and Innovation Foundation

Tuesday, May 3, 2022, 10:00 a.m. EDT

[Working Forests: A Path to Climate Solutions](#)

Resources for the Future

Wednesday, May 4, 2022, 12:00 p.m. EDT