

# STATE OF INDIANA

## EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT INDIANAPOLIS

EXECUTIVE ORDER 25-38

**FOR: CREATING OPPORTUNITY THROUGH REDUCTION OF EXCESSIVE ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATION**

TO ALL WHOM THESE PRESENTS MAY COME, GREETINGS.

**WHEREAS,** the State of Indiana has long championed laws and policies that support business development, job creation, and economic growth, while also striving to ensure responsible environmental protection and stewardship;

**WHEREAS,** the State of Indiana recognizes the importance of regulatory consistency in providing a stable, predictable, and fair environment for businesses and industries that contribute to the prosperity of our State;

**WHEREAS,** federal environmental laws like the Clean Air Act and Clean Water Act operate through cooperative federalism, with the federal government establishing certain baseline national standards while states implement those standards within their borders;

**WHEREAS,** state regulatory consistency with federal standards can ensure smoother business operations, greater economic stability, and more efficient governance;

**WHEREAS,** the existence of state environmental regulations that are more stringent than federal regulations can cause confusion, increase costs, and force State of Indiana businesses to devote resources to ensuring compliance with different sets of rules; and

**WHEREAS,** the State of Indiana is committed to promoting streamlined environmental policies consistent with federal policies to provide regulatory certainty and avoid overregulation that could harm our State's business environment and economic competitiveness;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, MIKE BRAUN,** by virtue of the authority vested in me as the Governor of the State of Indiana, do hereby order that:

1. The State of Indiana shall not adopt any new environmental rules, regulations, or programs that are more stringent than an applicable federal requirement or limitation, unless explicitly required by Indiana state law or deemed necessary by the Governor's Office to address specific, unique needs within our State.
2. In addition, agencies responsible for enforcing environmental regulations in the State of Indiana are hereby directed to ensure that any proposed rulemaking or regulation does not impose unnecessary burdens on businesses, communities, agencies, or industries operating in our State.
3. Agencies responsible for environmental regulations should identify state environmental regulations and policies that are unduly burdensome, significantly raise the cost of living for Hoosiers, are not supported by current law and the best available science, or do not benefit Indiana's environment. These Agencies should report opportunities to revisit or rescind such state environmental regulations to the Governor's Office no later than July 1, 2025.
4. Any environmental rules or regulations currently in place in the State of Indiana that exceed an applicable federal requirement or limitation without explicit direction to do so in Indiana Code must be reviewed. The review shall be completed by October 31, 2025,

with a written report provided to the Governor and the Legislative Council by December 31, 2025, providing an explanation for why the current rule or regulation is more stringent than federal standards, and whether maintaining this higher standard is necessary to protect human health or the environment, or otherwise benefits the community being regulated. The report should include specific justification supporting the need for maintaining more stringent regulation or recommend changes to bring the agency's regulatory framework in line with federal requirements, if appropriate.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I,  
Mike Braun, have hereunto set  
my hand and caused to be affixed the  
Great Seal of the State of Indiana on  
this 12th day of March, 2025.

*Mike Braun*  
Mike Braun Governor of Indiana

*DIEGO MORALES*

ATTEST: Diego Morales  
Secretary of State