

STATE OF INDIANA

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT INDIANAPOLIS

EXECUTIVE ORDER 25-49

FOR: ENCOURAGING PRACTICAL APPROACHES TO CLIMATE AND ENERGY SOLUTIONS BY REJECTING SOCIAL COST OF GREENHOUSE GASES AND CLIMATE ACTION PLANS

TO ALL WHOM THESE PRESENTS MAY COME, GREETINGS.

WHEREAS, the State of Indiana and stakeholders have identified numerous ways in which one-size-fits-all federal climate policies result in worse economic and environmental outcomes for Hoosiers;

WHEREAS, the Trump administration has signaled that it intends to revisit climate mandates for power plants, cars, and trucks as well as regulatory determinations developed under prior administrations through a nontransparent process related to the “social cost” of greenhouse gases like carbon dioxide and “endangerment” associated with certain emissions;

WHEREAS, the State of Indiana supports homegrown strategies, including commonsense actions to remove barriers to conservation and ecological protection, that align with the unique economic and environmental needs of Hoosiers;

WHEREAS, access to affordable, reliable, and diverse sources of energy, including coal, oil, gas, nuclear, and renewable sources, enable Hoosiers to achieve their full potential; and

WHEREAS, Indiana has successfully challenged heavy-handed federal mandates related to greenhouse gas emissions, and the U.S. Supreme Court has invalidated several federal climate regulations;

WHEREAS, Title 13 of the Indiana Code does not authorize state regulation or taxation of emissions from greenhouse gases, and federal environmental laws, including the Clean Air Act, were not intended to address these greenhouse gases emissions;

WHEREAS, along with significant progress in air, land, and water quality, Indiana has reduced energy-related carbon dioxide emissions by more than 30 percent since 2007, according to the U.S. Energy Information Administration, far more than states like California;

WHEREAS, innovation and investment in Indiana, including new or modernized facilities or vehicles in the manufacturing, energy, technology, healthcare, agriculture, or transportation sectors, are likely to be cleaner, more efficient, and result in lower greenhouse gas emissions; and

WHEREAS, even without authorization by our elected officials, federal or international bodies may seek to ban, regulate, or tax activities associated with greenhouse gases emissions, including in sectors like power generation, transportation, agriculture, manufacturing, or refining that are critical to Indiana’s economy, in the future;

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. State agencies shall not develop or issue state plans, regulations, fees, or other pricing mechanisms for greenhouse gases, including any action pursuant to federal

programs, without explicit authorization from the Indiana General Assembly and the Governor.

2. State agencies shall identify and address regulatory and other barriers to environmentally beneficial projects, including unnecessary red tape for building new or retrofitting existing facilities, that will reduce emissions in Indiana, enable greater conservation, and improve resiliency for all Hoosiers.
3. State agencies shall not incorporate a social cost of greenhouse gases, including for carbon dioxide or methane, into regulatory or cost-benefit analysis, rulemaking, permitting, enforcement, or other state activities. State agencies are encouraged to ensure that the value of affordable, reliable energy is reflected in their rulemaking activities and economic analysis.
4. State agencies should identify and pursue opportunities to eliminate or reduce harmful federal climate policies that are harmful to Indiana through comments, letters, or legal challenges.
5. State agencies shall revisit and consider, as appropriate, rescinding climate action plans developed under federal programs that are inconsistent with this order by December 31, 2025.
6. State agencies subject to this Executive Order shall provide a written report to the Governor and the Legislative Council by December 31, 2025, detailing actions taken in response to this Executive Order.



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 10th day
of April, 2025.

Mike Braun

Mike Braun
Governor of Indiana

ATTEST: *DIEGO MORALES*
Diego Morales
Secretary of State