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STATEMENT ON CLIMATE-RELATED EXECUTIVE ORDER

Today, the Biden administration is announcing a new Executive Order aimed at addressing climate change and environmental justice. The sweeping Order includes a wide range of actions focused on both the domestic and international components of the climate crisis.

Richard Revesz, Director of the Institute for Policy Integrity at NYU School of Law, has released the following statement:

“The most striking aspect of this Executive Order is not the number or variety of actions it prompts, but the clear understanding it shows of climate-related challenges and opportunities. With this Order, the administration is recognizing national security threats from climate change and embracing international cooperation to address them. The Order highlights the ability of clean-technology and infrastructure investments to drive job growth and help improve justice and equity, both in frontline communities and areas transitioning from fossil-fuel economies. The Order emphasizes a whole-of-government approach, using everything from procurement to regulations in order to tackle this daunting crisis, modernize the economy, and improve people’s lives.”

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