

3.19 Climate Change

On January 20, 2025, President Trump signed Executive Order (E.O.) 14148 – Initial Rescissions of Harmful Executive Orders and Actions and E.O. 14154 – Unleashing American Energy. Together, EO 14154 and EO 14148 revoked E.O. 13990 – Protecting Public Health and the Environment and Restoring Science to Tackle the Climate Crisis (January 20, 2021) and E.O. 14008 – Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad (January 27, 2021). Subsequently on January 29, 2025, Secretary Duffy signed a Memorandum for Secretarial Offices and Heads of Operating Administrations – Implementation of Executive Orders Addressing Energy, Climate Change, Diversity, and Gender. On February 25, 2025, the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) published an Interim Final Rule removing the CEQ’s National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) implementing regulations, effective April 11, 2025 (90 Fed. Reg. 10610). As a result of these actions, FHWA and FTA will not include greenhouse gas emissions and climate change analyses in the federal environmental review process. Any purported greenhouse gas emissions and climate change impacts, including comments on greenhouse gas emissions or climate change, will not be considered in the federal decision. Accordingly, no greenhouse gas emissions or climate change analyses are included in this Final SEIS.