Potential Trump Cabinet Members for DOE, EPA, DOI and FERC

While nothing is yet decided, see below, a list of potential cabinet appointments for the Department of Energy, Environmental Protection Agency, Interior and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, and a brief summary of their background.

Department of Energy
- **James Connaughton** has a wide range of both public and private experience in the energy and environment sectors. While in the George W. Bush administration as Chair of the Council on Environmental Quality, Connaughton lead efforts against the ratification of the Kyoto Protocol global climate action agreement. He also created four Pacific marine national monuments, which at the time, were one of the largest marine conservation efforts in history.
- **Robert E. Grady** is a successful venture capitalist from New Jersey who also has experience working with Governor Thomas Kean, Governor Chris Christie, and George H.W. Bush. Under the George H.W. Bush administration, he served as the Associate Director of the Office of Management and Budget for Natural Resources, Energy, and Science. He is known for playing a large role as an adviser to the president during the drafting process of the Clean Air Act Amendments in 1990, as well as getting it through Congress.

The DOE will move forward to revive the long-stalled Yucca Mountain waste repository in Nevada and support nuclear and coal-fired generation and research, among other items.

Environmental Protection Agency.
- **Myron Ebell** is a prominent climate change skeptic; has worked as Director of Global Warming and International Environmental Policy at Competitive Enterprise Institute (CEI), and is the chair of the Cooler Heads Coalition, an organization dedicated to disproving and discrediting climate science. He was active in sinking the National Climate Assessment in 2002, and has opposed the Endangered Species Act on the basis that it unconstitutionally infringes on the private property rights of citizens.
- **Jeffrey Holmstead** is currently a lawyer for Bracewell LLP, who served under President George W. Bush as head of the EPA’s Office of Air and Radiation. He helped develop several EPA rules including: the Clean Air Interstate Act, Clean Air Diesel Rule, and the Mercury Rule, which limited the amount of mercury a power plant could emit.

EPA drafts and enforces regulations to ensure clean air and water. President-elect Trump is expected to unravel most, if not all of the Obama Administration’s Clean Power plan and other environmental regulations. EPA also has a large role on the international stage, participating in climate change negotiations. As stated previously, the Trump administration has vowed to back out of last year's climate agreement reached in Paris.

Department of Interior
- **Rep. Rob Bishop** (R-UT) is Chair of the House Natural Resources Committee and is serving his seventh term in the Congress. Previously he served 16 years in the state legislature, including as Majority leader and Speaker of the Utah House.
• **Jan Brewer** is former Republican Governor of Arizona (2009 to 2015). As governor she moved to mitigate the risks posed to Arizona from forest fires by cutting down trees on 29,000 acres of state land. The Arizona State Land Department also negotiated a 60 pipeline deal located on state trust land, worth two hundred million dollars to the state. Using the power of executive orders, Brewer established the Arizona Natural Resources Review Council to help determine economically and environmentally sustainable policies. Brewer also embraced solar power, as both an energy source and a potential job creator. The plan she approved in 2014 was drafted as a way to increase solar developments, as well as invest in apprenticeships and job training for the energy sector.

• Robert E. Grady (see description above.)

• **Sarah Palin** is the former Alaska Governor (and Vice-presidential candidate) who is a strong opponent of expediting the regulatory and permitting processes for on and offshore oil and gas drilling, which would include federal lands.

Interior handles public lands, natural resources and Native American issues. President-elect Trump has proposed expanding oil and gas development on public lands.

**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.**

• **Neil Chatterjee** is a senior energy policy adviser to Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, (R-KY).

• **Patrick McCormick III** is Chief Counsel for Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee and former partner at Hunton& Williams LLP.

• **Kenneth Minesinger** is the co-chair of Greenberg Traurig LLP’s Global Energy & Infrastructure Practice.

• **Bill Marsan** is executive VP, corporate secretary, and general counsel of American Transmission Company.

• **Robert Powelson**, is a member of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission.

• **Richard Lehfeldt** is an energy lawyer at the firm Crowell & Moring and former counsel for the House Energy and Commerce Energy and Power Subcommittee.

• **Travis Kavulla** is a Montana Public Service Commissioner.

FERC regulates the transmission and wholesale sale of electricity and natural gas in interstate commerce, and regulates the transportation of oil by pipeline in interstate commerce. FERC also reviews proposals to build interstate natural gas pipelines, natural gas storage projects, and liquefied natural gas (LNG) terminals, and FERC licenses non-federal hydropower projects.