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Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump received 279 electoral votes on November 9, defeating Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton and securing his presidency. He will be officially inaugurated on January 20, 2017.

President-elect Trump has already begun appointing key members of his transition team to help vet high-level cabinet positions that will eventually oversee important geoscience research functions within the federal government.

The Department of the Interior transition will be overseen by Douglas Domenech, former deputy chief of staff at the Department of the Interior under George W. Bush; the Department of Energy transition will be overseen by Thomas Pyle, President of the American Energy Alliance; and the Department of Agriculture transition will be overseen by Joel Leftwich, majority staff director for the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

Sources: Donaldjtrump.com, Washington Post, American Energy Alliance