DOE seeks public feedback on limiting regulatory costs

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The Department of Energy (DOE) requests public comments and information regarding the implementation of President Donald Trump’s Executive Order 13771, “Reducing Regulation and Controlling Regulatory Costs.” Published in the Federal Register on May 30, the DOE’s proposed rule asks for assistance to identify existing regulations, paperwork requirements, and other obligations that can be modified or repealed to reduce regulatory burdens.

Executive Order 13771 primarily targets federal regulations that impose unnecessary costs on both the public and private sectors in order to comply with regulatory requirements. The order seeks to ensure the government is acting in a financially responsible manner by managing and controlling regulations through a budgeting process. One of the various provisions included in the order requires executive branch departments and agencies to identify at least two existing regulations for repeal if they propose the establishment of any one new regulation.

The order also directs the Director of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), during the Presidential budget process and for each fiscal year (FY) following FY 2018, to identify a total amount of incremental costs allowed for each agency in issuing new regulations and repealing regulations for the next year.

Comments must be submitted on or before July 14, 2017.

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