

Climate Plan Analysis – Buildings Sector

Administrative Action

Candidate	Donald Trump	Joe Biden	Bernie Sanders
National Building Standard	The Trump administration has not considered creating a national building standard.	None	"We must fully end all fossil fuel use in buildings by 2030... A federal mandate through the Department of Energy will ensure that new and existing commercial buildings and wealthy homeowners meet our energy retrofit goals."
Incentivizing and Supporting Improved State and Local Building Codes	The Trump administration's Department of Energy supports state and local building code adoption and is funded to do so, but they have largely taken a "status quo" approach.	"he will repair and accelerate the building code process and create a new funding mechanism for states and cities to adopt strict building codes"	None
Increasing Department of Energy Efficiency Standards for Appliances	The Trump administration has missed 19 legal deadlines for updating energy efficiency standards as of December 2019. In addition, it has taken actions to roll back standards for light bulbs, weaken test procedures, and undermine the standards program by making it harder to set and update strong standards. This means billions of dollars in decreased savings for consumers.	"He will direct the U.S. Department of Energy to redouble efforts to accelerate new efficiency standards for household appliances and equipment."	None
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