

PROTECT THE CONDITIONS OF OUR PROSPERITY

Unleash Energy Abundance

Access to cheap and abundant energy is the bedrock of American prosperity at home. U.S. energy abundance also builds American strength abroad by offering a reliable supply source for our allies and partners while reducing dependence on volatile regions like the Middle East.

THE ISSUE Regardless of energy source, U.S. producers should be empowered to meet rising energy demand at home and abroad. Unfortunately, Biden Administration restrictions on oil and gas production, including a Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) export terminal moratorium, hurt both U.S. consumers' and allies' access to cheap, reliable energy during a volatile period in world markets.

In the first two years of the war in Ukraine, U.S. LNG exports to Europe [nearly tripled](#) from pre-war levels as the continent moved away from Russian natural gas. Longer-term, Asian markets are forecast to [substantially increase](#) their energy demand as well. Arbitrary restrictions on U.S. energy production harm American prosperity and provide openings to less friendly suppliers who do not share U.S. interests or those of our more energy-insecure partners.

POLICY SOLUTIONS

FAST TRACK LNG EXPORT TERMINAL APPROVALS

American energy producers cannot meet rising LNG demand abroad unless they are able to invest in the export infrastructure necessary to supply world markets. Congress should streamline LNG export terminal approvals, consolidating permitting within the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, or the Maritime Administration for deepwater ports, instead of requiring concurrent Department of Energy Approval.

RESPONSIBLY MANAGE THE STRATEGIC PETROLEUM RESERVE

The Strategic Petroleum Reserve (SPR) was created as a stockpile for national security emergencies. As gas prices rose during the early 2020s, the Biden Administration put U.S. energy security at risk by irresponsibly depleting the SPR rather than allowing greater domestic oil production. The Trump Administration should refill the SPR and Congress should pass restrictions on future politically motivated abuses of the reserve.

STREAMLINE PIPELINE PERMITTING

Robust U.S. pipeline networks facilitate cheaper energy for American consumers and cheaper petroleum and natural gas exports to global markets. The Trump Administration should support additional pipeline infrastructure by offering categorical exclusions to exhaustive National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) reviews for new construction.

**POLICY
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CONTINUED****EXPAND NRC LICENSING FOR CUTTING EDGE REACTORS**

Despite growing demand for reliable, grid-stabilizing energy, the United States has [only built three](#) commercial nuclear reactors in the past 28 years. Lengthy, cost-prohibitive Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) permitting is [out of step](#) with significant advances in reactor safety, pricing out new U.S. construction and enabling China to lead on nuclear modernization. Congress should ensure the NRC follows through with requirements under the ADVANCE Act of 2024 to streamline permitting processes, particularly for innovative small modular reactors and microreactors that can make nuclear energy increasingly economical.

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