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**9th Circuit strikes down Juliana climate case a
second time**

Three Trump-appointed judges sided with the Biden administration’s argument that there is no role for the courts in federal climate policy.

This is additionally relevant because plaintiffs in the Montana *Held* climate case relied on the district court’s orders in Juliana.

[Click here for a news article.](#)

[Click here for the courts order.](#)

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Governor Gianforte, 24 Governors Oppose Biden’s Latest Attack on Energy

Call to reverse course on halting liquified natural gas approvals

HELENA, Mont. – Today, Governor Greg Gianforte joined half of the nation’s governors in a call to President Joe Biden to lift his pause on new liquified natural gas (LNG) export approvals that is creating uncertainty in the energy market and harming allies of the United States.

“As governors, we are very concerned by the Biden Administration’s move to pause approvals of new liquified natural gas export projects, especially after Iran’s attack on Israel last week,” the governors stated. “The United States is the world’s leading exporter of LNG, and the decision to pause new approvals undermines our economic and national security, and the security of our allies.”

The governors continued, “It creates instability and threatens future energy security throughout the world at a time when our allies need us the most. It sends a message that the U.S. is not a reliable energy partner.”

Since President Biden took office, his administration has terminated the Keystone XL Pipeline, banned new oil and gas leasing on federal land, and suspended all oil and gas leases for portions of the non-wilderness Coastal Plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

“We call on the Biden Administration to reverse course and lift the pause, allowing America to retain its global energy advantage ensuring Americans and our allies abroad have access to a steady supply of affordable energy,” the governors concluded.

Signatories to the statement include: Governor Kay Ivey (AL), Governor Mike Dunleavy (AK), Governor Sarah Sanders (AR), Governor Ron DeSantis (FL), Governor Brian Kemp (GA), Governor Brad Little (ID), Governor Eric Holcomb (IN), Governor Kim Reynolds (IA), Governor Jeff Landry (LA), Governor Tate Reeves (MS), Governor Mike Parson (MO), Governor Jim Pillen (NE), Governor Chris Sununu (NH), Governor Doug Burgum (ND), Governor Kevin Stitt (OK), Governor Mike DeWine (OH), Governor Henry McMaster (SC), Governor Kristi Noem (SD), Governor Bill Lee (TN), Governor Greg Abbott (TX), Governor Spencer Cox (UT), Governor Glenn Youngkin (VA), Governor Jim Justice (WV), and Governor Mark Gordon (WY).

Today’s statement is just one of Gov. Gianforte’s repeated calls to Biden to halt his war on affordable and reliable American energy:

[January 2021](#): Governor Gianforte to President Biden: Cut Through the Malarkey and Reconsider Keystone XL Decision

[February 2021](#): Gianforte, Governors Urge President To Reverse Ban On New Drilling On Federal Lands

[March 2022](#): Gov. Gianforte Urges Pres. Biden to End Reliance on Foreign Energy, Make America Energy Independent and Secure

[January 2024](#): Governor Gianforte to President Biden: Pull the Plug on Electric Vehicle Mandate

[April 2024](#): Governor Gianforte Blasts Biden's War on Energy

Montana DEQ solicits public comment on water quality standards

The Montana DEQ is taking public comment on implementing water quality standards for rivers across the state.

In 2021, the legislature passed Senate Bill 358. The law required implementing narrative nutrient standards and the option for an adaptive management program for DEQ. [Click here for more.](#)

[Here are the proposed rules.](#)

MEPA Work Group

On Jan. 8, 2024, DEQ announced the formation of a dedicated work group to further discuss the agency's implementation of the Montana Environmental Policy Act (MEPA). Following a productive series of listening sessions and public comment opportunities in late-2023, DEQ looks forward to continuing the conversation with a diverse group of MEPA experts.

The work group will meet regularly throughout the first half of 2024. Meetings will be open to the public and provide opportunities for public comment. Following the work group's

deliberations, DEQ anticipates presenting a comprehensive report summarizing the conversation and offering actionable recommendations.

[Learn more here.](#)

The Primary Election is June 4th

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TSRA's address and general telephone number will remain the same.

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Upcoming Legislative Meetings:

Local Government Interim Committee

Next Meeting is Scheduled for May 22, 2024

Where: State Capitol & Zoom

For more information go to: [committee website](#)

Revenue Interim Committee

Next Meeting is Scheduled for May 9-10, 2024

Where: State Capitol Room & Zoom

For more information go to: [committee's website](#).

Contact committee staff, [Megan Moore](#), with any questions.

Water Policy Interim Committee

Next Meeting is Scheduled for May 20-21, 2024

Where: State Capitol & Zoom

An agenda and materials will be available at <http://leg.mt.gov/water> For more information, contact Jason Mohr, committee staff, at 406-4444-1640 or <http://jason.mohr@legmt.gov>.

Environmental Quality Council

Next Meeting is Scheduled for June 17, 2024

Where: Zoom

Please use this link to check in for more information:

<https://leg.mt.gov/committees/interim/eqc/>

Energy and Telecommunications Interim Committee

Next Meeting is Scheduled for May 22-23, 2024

Where: State Capitol & Zoom

For more information go to:

<https://leg.mt.gov/committees/interim/etic/meeting-info/>

Upcoming Events/Dates:

May 28-20, 2024

Montana Stockgrowers Midyear Meeting
Miles City, MT

June 10-12, 2024

Montana Petroleum Association Planning Meeting
Great Northern Hotel, Helena MT

June 12-13, 2024

**Treasure State Resources Association Annual Meeting
The Forge Hotel, Anaconda, MT**

July 22-24

Montana Coal Council Annual Convention
Northern Hotel, Billings, MT

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