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# Promoting Energy Independence and Economic Growth

## Executive Order 13783 and Secretarial Order 3349



- EO 13783 issued on March 28, 2017 by the President
- Further thru SO 3349, the Secretary of the Interior listed several immediate actions for the BLM to undertake to fulfill the Executive Order including:
  - Review the Hydraulic Fracturing rule
  - Temporarily suspend or postpone certain requirements and review to rescind or revise the Venting and Flaring rule
  - Revise Oil and Gas Onshore Orders Nos. 3, 4 and 5

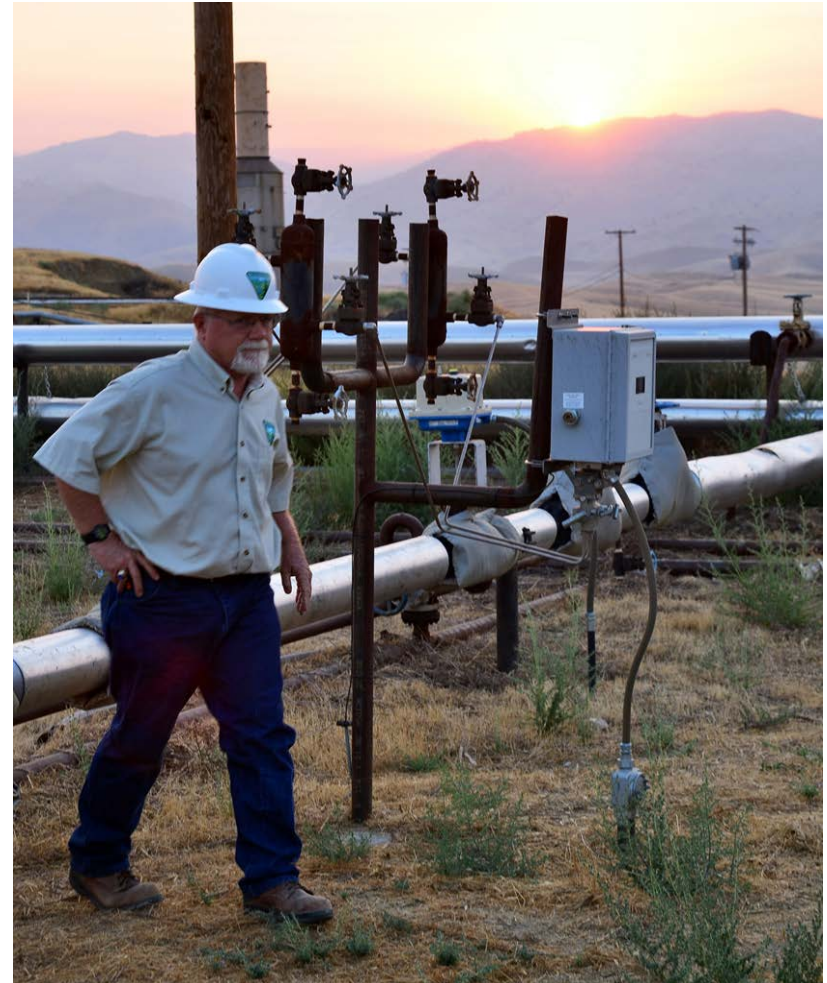




# Exploration and Development of Onshore Oil and Gas Resources

## Secretarial Order 3354

- Signed on July 6, 2017
- The BLM has taken several actions to support the Department of the Interior's goals:
  - Support and improve implementation of oil and gas quarterly lease sales
  - Identify options to improve leasing
  - Enhance capacity to process and issue leases and permits





# Hydraulic Fracturing Rule



- On July 25, 2017, the BLM published the proposed rule to rescind the 2015 Hydraulic Fracturing rule.
- On December 29, 2017, the BLM published the final rule to rescind the 2015 Hydraulic Fracturing rule.
- The final rule has been challenged in court and is pending litigation.



# Venting and Flaring

## Delay Rule

- The BLM proposed to suspend or delay the 2016 Venting and Flaring rule until a revised rule consistent with EO 13783 can be published.
- **Oct. 5, 2017:** BLM published the proposed rule to delay/suspend certain requirements of the 2016 Venting and Flaring rule until January 2019
- **Dec. 8, 2017:** BLM published the final rule
- **Feb. 22, 2018:** U.S. District Court of Northern California granted a preliminary injunction against the final rule

## Change Rule

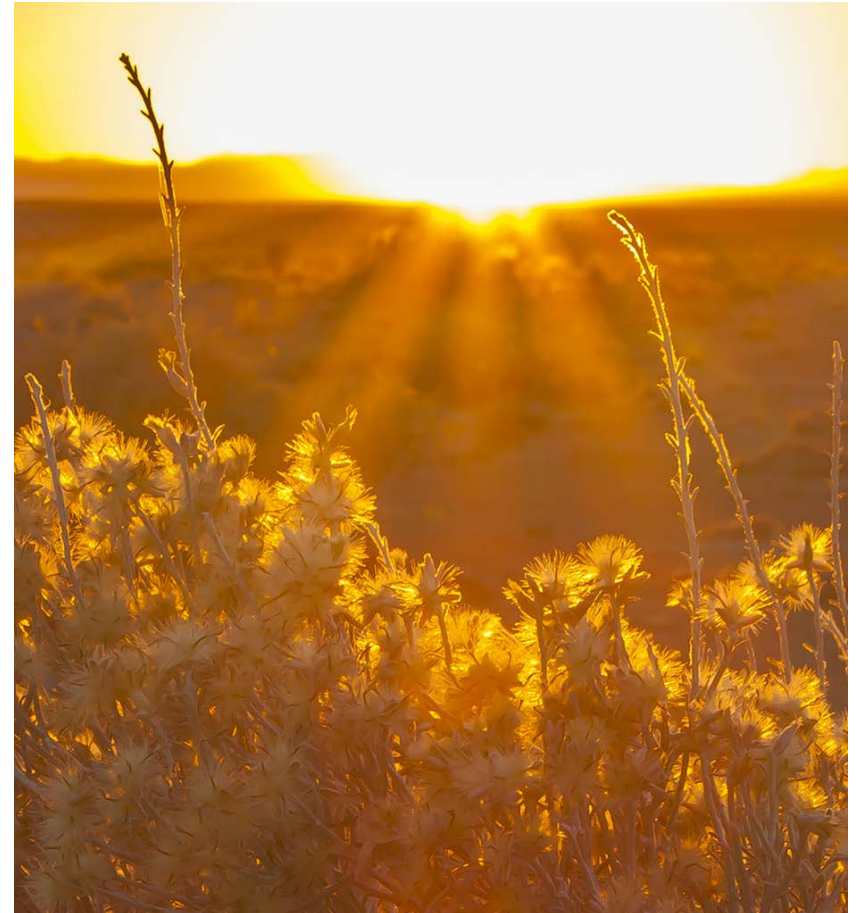
- The BLM has proposed to change the 2016 Venting & Flaring rule because it poses substantial burdens on energy production.
- **Feb. 22, 2018:** BLM published the proposed rule to replace the 2016 Venting and Flaring rule
- **April 23, 2018:** Comment period ends
- **August 2018:** BLM plans to publish the final replacement rule





# Onshore Orders

- BLM proposed to review Onshore Orders 3, 4, and 5, concerning oil and gas operations on federal and Indian lands, to determine whether changes are required.
- The BLM is currently assessing possible changes to alleviate burdens on energy production.
- The BLM expects to complete the assessment in spring 2018 and initiate a rulemaking process.





# Leasing Process Updates

- The BLM proposed to replace IM 2010-117, “Oil and Gas Leasing Reform – Land Use Planning and Lease Parcel Reviews”, with a new policy that revises guidance for greater efficiencies in the oil and gas leasing process.
- On January 31, 2018, the BLM replaced IM 2010-117 with IM 2018-034, which streamlines the leasing process and expedites the process for offering acres for lease sales.





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