

# Veolia North America

Regulatory Update - February 2025



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*No Health & Safety Updates for February 2025*

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*No Miscellaneous Updates for February 2025*

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**A. EPA Administrator Lee Zeldin Announces EPA’s “Powering the Great American Comeback” Initiative; Memorandum**

**Agency**

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

**Dates**

Published Date: 01/16/2025

Comments and Information Due: 3/3/2025

**Summary**

On February 4, 2025, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Lee Zeldin announced the agency’s Powering the Great American Comeback Initiative and the five pillars that make up the initiative. The five pillars are:

- Pillar 1: Clean Air, Land, and Water for Every American
- Pillar 2: Restore American Energy Dominance
- Pillar 3: Permitting Reform, Cooperative Federalism, and Cross-Agency Partnership
- Pillar 4: Make the United States the Artificial Intelligence Capital of the World
- Pillar 5: Protecting and Bringing Back American Auto Jobs

**Reference/Link**

The link below will allow you to view/print the Memorandum.

<https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/epa-administrator-lee-zeldin-announces-epas-powering-great-american-comeback>

**B. Delay of Effective Date for 2 Final Regulations Published by the Environmental Protection Agency Between December 11, 2024, and January 6, 2025; Final Rule**

**Agency**

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

**Dates**

Published Date: 02/05/2025

New Effective Date: 03/21/2025

## Summary

In accordance with the memorandum of January 20, 2025, from President Donald J. Trump, entitled "Regulatory Freeze Pending Review," this action temporarily delays until March 21, 2025, the effective date of the regulations listed below.

- 89 FR 99727 - Hazardous Waste Generator Improvements Rule, the Hazardous Waste Pharmaceuticals Rule, and the Definition of Solid Waste Rule; Technical Corrections.
- 90 FR 573 - Implementing Statutory Addition of Certain Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) to Toxics Release Inventory (TRI) Beginning With Reporting Year 2025.

As of February 5, 2025, the effective dates of the rules published at 89 FR 99727 (December 11, 2024), and 90 FR 573 (January 6, 2025), are delayed to March 21, 2025.

## Reference/Link

The link below will allow you to view/print the Final Rule.

<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2025-02-05/pdf/2025-02289.pdf>

### **C. Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations; Correction; Notification of Enforcement Discretion**

## Agency

Department of Transportation (DOT), Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA)

## Dates

Published Date: 02/24/2025

Final Compliance Date: 03/20/2025

## Summary

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) will not take enforcement action against regulated entities for failing to comply with the final rule and correction titled "Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations; Correction" until March 20, 2025.

On November 18, 2024, FMCSA published a final rule titled "Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations" (89 FR 90608) that amended its regulations by making technical corrections throughout the FMCSRs. The rule became effective upon publication but contained two errors. The first error occurred in amendatory instruction no. 107, where the Agency sought to revise § 387.307, which is stayed, without first lifting the stay. The second error occurred in amendatory instruction no. 152, where the Agency sought to revise paragraph (2) of the definition of commerce in § 397.65 and referenced non-existent paragraph (s) instead of the intended paragraph (2). FMCSA published a final rule and correction on January 10, 2025 (90 FR 1908), correcting these two errors. The final rule and correction became effective upon publication.

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On January 20, 2025, the President issued a memorandum titled, “Regulatory Freeze Pending Review” (90 FR 8249, Jan. 28, 2025), to direct executive departments and agencies to consider postponing for 60 days the effective date for any rules that had been published in the Federal Register but had not taken effect for the purpose of reviewing any questions of fact, law, and policy that the rules may raise. While not explicitly subject to the President's memorandum, FMCSA is providing notice that it will exercise its enforcement discretion and not enforce the provisions of the correction and final rule titled “Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations; Correction” until March 20, 2025, to allow the officials appointed or designated by the President to review the correction and final rule to ensure that it is consistent with the law and Administration policies. The final rule titled “Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations,” published and effective on November 18, 2024, remains in force.

## Reference/Link

The link below will allow you to view/print the Notification of Enforcement Discretion.

<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2025-02-24/pdf/2025-02968.pdf>