

Pen & Pad Overview

The State Energy & Environmental Impact Center is hosting an on-the-record pen-and-pad session with seven-to-ten national reporters focused on environmental, climate and energy issues. This gathering will drive the narrative about AGs leading the way in upholding progressive values on these issues and lead to positive press coverage for state attorneys general.

State Impact Center Executive Director David Hayes will kick off the meeting by rolling out a new report showing that AGs have filed an average of two lawsuits a month and taken nearly 80 actions on these issues alone. However, most of the session will be dedicated to AGs giving a short introduction and fielding questions from reporters.

WHO:

David Hayes, executive director, State Energy & Environmental Impact Center
Massachusetts AG Maura Healey
California AG Xavier Becerra
Maryland AG Brian Frosh
DC AG Karl Racine

WHAT:

Pen-and-pad, *on-the-record* gathering with national reporters who cover environmental, climate and energy issues (see full list below).

WHEN:

Tuesday, Feb. 27
2:30-3:30pm

WHERE:

Ritz Carlton (West End)
The Boardroom (conference room within the Ritz)
1150 22nd Street N.W
Washington, DC

RUN OF SHOW

2:32-2:35: David Hayes: welcome, top lines from new State Impact Center report
2:36-2:38: AG Racine: welcome to DC/intro/overview of enviro/climate/energy work
2:39-2:41: AG Healey: intro/overview of enviro/climate/energy work
2:42-2:44: AG Frosh: intro/overview of enviro/climate/energy work
2:45-2:47: AG Becerra: intro/overview of enviro/climate/energy work
2:48-3:30: Q&A with reporters

LIKELY TOPICS

- Number of lawsuits filed against Trump Administration – isn't this taking a page out of the Republican AGs' playbook against Obama?
- What are some victories you've had against Trump? (see list below)

- Offshore drilling
- Fracking lawsuit (AG Becerra)
- Utilities passing savings to customers, not shareholders (AG Healey)
- Valuation Rule (AG Becerra)
- Clean Power Plan – AGs have pledged to sue to defend it
- Defending public lands – National Parks fee hikes, rollbacks of protections for national monuments and marine sanctuaries
- Truck glider rule (here's a recent NYT [front-page story](#) about this)
- Exxon Mobile

AG VICTORIES SO FAR

While many cases are still pending decisions, attorneys general have achieved several noteworthy victories over the last 13 months:

- Forced Interior to comply with Methane Rule, and weighed in ahead of Senate vote – which failed
- Forced Dept. of Energy to publish appliance energy efficiency standards
- Forced EPA to spell out timeline for designating non-attainment areas of ozone, as required under the Clean Air Act
- Forced Dept. of Transportation to measure and track on-road greenhouse gas emissions
- FERC rejected Rick Perry's proposal to bail out coal after AGs submitted comments

CONFIRMED REPORTERS

1. Lisa Friedman, New York Times
2. Matthew Daly, Associated Press (*NOTE: Matt may ask about gun control)
3. Stuart Leavenworth, McClatchy
4. Amanda Reilly, E&E News
5. Chris D'Angelo, HuffPost
6. Josh Siegel, Washington Examiner
7. Timothy Cama, The Hill
8. Marianne Lavelle, InsideClimate
9. Matt Viser, Boston Globe

ADDITIONAL MATERIALS

Copies of the report and accompanying press release are forthcoming. Below are comprehensive lists of nationally or regionally significant actions each attorneys general has taken:

- AG Becerra
- AG Healey
- AG Frosh
- AG Racine