

CEEN 525 – Energy Policy
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Readings for this week:

US EPA, U.S. Greenhouse Gas Inventory Report: 1990-2014, just read this [overview](#) page, or more if you're interested

US EPA, [FACT SHEET](#): Overview of the Clean Power Plan

The White House, [An America First Energy Plan](#)

Brad Plumer, "Donald Trump is preparing to make massive policy changes at the EPA," [vox.com](#), January 23, 2017

Roger Karapin, *Political opportunities for climate policy: California, New York, and the federal government* (New York, NY: Cambridge University Press, 2016). [Chapter 7](#) - California: Climate Policy Making (2000s to the Present)

Further information

David Roberts, "California's signature climate policy is struggling through its awkward teen years," [vox.com](#) June 21, 2016

Discussion Questions for March 14, 2017 – Trump, California, and Energy Policy in the United States

1. What are the most important contributors to greenhouse gas emissions in the United States? What are the [current trends](#) in emissions, and what explains those trends?
2. What is the US GHG reduction goal in its UNFCC [NDC](#)?
3. Does the US have a national energy policy of some kind?
4. What were the most important and impactful energy and climate policies of the Obama administration?
5. Why did the Keystone XL pipeline become so controversial in American politics? What is the current status of the Keystone XL proposal?
6. What are the Trump administration [main proposals](#) on energy and climate policy?
7. According to the Vox.com pieces, what is the likely impact of the Trump administration on US energy and especially climate policy?
8. What are Trump's policies towards the Paris Accord and UNFCC?
9. What are the implications for global progress on GHG emissions if the US withdraws from either or both the Paris Accord and UNFCC?
10. What is the division of powers between the federal and state governments over energy and climate policy in the United States?
11. What are the main objectives, policy instruments, and settings for California climate policies?
12. Why is California so relatively progressive on climate policy?
13. Is California on target to meet its GHG targets?
14. Is the Trump presidency a risk to California's climate policy?
15. Is the Trump presidency a risk to Canada's climate policies?