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Appreciate it, Ben! That would be fantastic.

Thomas

On Tue, Mar 25, 2025 at 4:30 PM Dietderich, Ben <ben.dietderich@hq.doc.gov> wrote:

Hi Thomas,

We will keep you posted on these and would love to set up an interview with Secretary Wright soon. In the meantime, here is a statement:

"The Department of Energy is conducting a department-wide review to ensure all activities follow the law and align with the Trump administration's priorities. The American people provided President Trump with a mandate to govern and to unleash 'American Energy Dominance.' The Department of Energy is hard at work to deliver on President Trump's promise to restore affordable, reliable, and secure energy to the American people."

Best,

Ben Dietderich

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Hey Andrea! Reaching out because I saw reports that the DOE is assembling a list of projects the previous administration used grants and loans to fund that may face elimination.

Does DOE have anything to share on this? Overall, the Biden admin announced \$107.7B in loan funding for 53 projects. 25 of those loans (worth \$60.6B) have closed. 27 (\$46.9B) are still pending. How many of these pending loans is DOE considering canceling? Does DOE believe taxpayers should be footing the bill for EV battery factories owned by major automakers Ford, GM, and Stellantis?

We are particularly interested in the LPO's activities given our previous reporting on that topic (linked below).

Biden-Harris Admin Races To Dish Out \$25 Billion for Green Energy Before Trump Takes Office, Sparking Fraud Fears <https://freebeacon.com/biden-harris-administration/biden-harris-admin-races-to-dish-out-25-billion-for-green-energy-before-trump-takes-office-sparking-fraud-fears/>

Biden's Lame-Duck Loan Czar Finalizes \$1.6 Billion Award to Green Power Company He Invested In <https://freebeacon.com/biden-administration/bidens-lame-duck-loan-czar-finalizes-1-6-billion-award-to-green-power-company-he-invested-in/>

Biden-Backed Battery Company Defends Chinese Partner Following Free Beacon Report <https://freebeacon.com/energy/biden-backed-battery-company-defends-chinese-partner-following-free-beacon-report/>

Energy Secretary Jennifer Granholm Spends Final Days in Office Sending Billions to Home State, Defying Inspector General <https://freebeacon.com/energy/energy-secretary-jennifer-granholm-spends-final-days-in-office-sending-billions-to-home-state/>

Republican Leaders Demand Biden-Harris Admin Freeze Lame Duck Green Loans Following Free Beacon Report <https://freebeacon.com/biden-harris-administration/republican-leaders-demand-biden-admin-freeze-lame-duck-green-loans-following-free-beacon-report/>

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Thank you!

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