

2025 Legislative & Regulatory Update

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Who We Are

- Largest broad-based business organization in NC representing 29 different industry segments
- Advocacy, Data and Research, Legal Strategies
- Chamber Federation
- Three Pillars:
 - Education and Talent Supply
 - Competitive Business Climate
 - Infrastructure and Growth Leadership



2025 Legislative Agenda

Our team looks forward to working with the N.C. General Assembly to maintain and advance a competitive business climate that grows private-sector jobs as outlined in the NC Chamber's 2025 Jobs Agenda.

Our state's diverse business community recognizes that, at times, you may address complex, sensitive, and controversial issues, we trust you will do so with balance, respect, and an eye on maintaining North Carolina's status as a top state to live and work.

Our goal, as the state's largest and most diverse business organization, will be to never surprise you, maintain high visibility and accessibility when it comes to issues impacting our business climate, and to be direct and communicate our concerns when we believe our status as the leading state for private-sector job creation is at risk.



Issues Overview

- Energy
- Water
- Emerging Contaminants & Regulations
- 2025 State Legislation
- Federal Activity & Input from US Chamber of Commerce



Energy

- NC Chamber Foundation *North Carolina's Business-Driven Energy Vision*
 - Build Strong, Secure, and Resilient Infrastructure Capacity
 - Treat Reliability as Table Stakes
 - Ensure Affordable, Predictable Power
 - Diversify the Energy Mix
 - Streamline Regulations and Permitting
 - Bridge the Rural-Urban Energy Gap
 - Leverage Sustainability as a Competitive Advantage
- Mountain Valley Pipeline Southgate
- Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Co. LLC's (Transco) Southeast Supply Enhancement Project



Water

- NC Chamber Foundation *Water Infrastructure Competitive Analysis*
 - Water Supply & Access to Water
 - Stormwater
 - Wastewater
 - Inter-basin Transfers



Request for Proposals
Water Infrastructure Competitiveness Analysis



Emerging Contaminants

- PFAS
 - Minimization Plan
 - 15A NCAC 02L .0202 Groundwater Quality Standards
 - 15A NCAC 02B .0200 Surface Water Quality Standards
- SL 2023-63: Clarify the Definition of Wetlands



2025 Legislation: Environmental Policy

- *Session Laws*

- ✓ - SL2025-53/S387 Brownfields Property Reuse Act Revisions
- SL2025-48/S472 Coastal Regulatory Reform
- SL2025-77/H694 Regional Water Study/IBT Subbasin/TMDL
- SL2025-74/H850 IBT Moratorium/Study

- *Active*

- S713 Limit Local Gov't Environmental Requirements
- S666 2025 Water Security Act
- H569 PFAS Pollution and Polluter Liability
- H369 Parking Lot Reform and Modernization Act

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2025 Legislation: Energy, Agriculture, Regulatory Reform, & Infrastructure

- *Session Laws*

- ✓ - SL2025-82/H402 Limit Rules with Substantial Financial Costs
- ✓ - SL2025-74/S266 The Power Bill Reduction Act
- ✓ - SL2025-47/ S391 DOT Omnibus
- ✓ - SL2025-94/H926 Regulatory Reform Act of 2025

- *Active*

- S401 NC Farm Act of 2025
- S730 Expand CEPS/Nuclear and Hydro
- H909 State Infrastructure Bank

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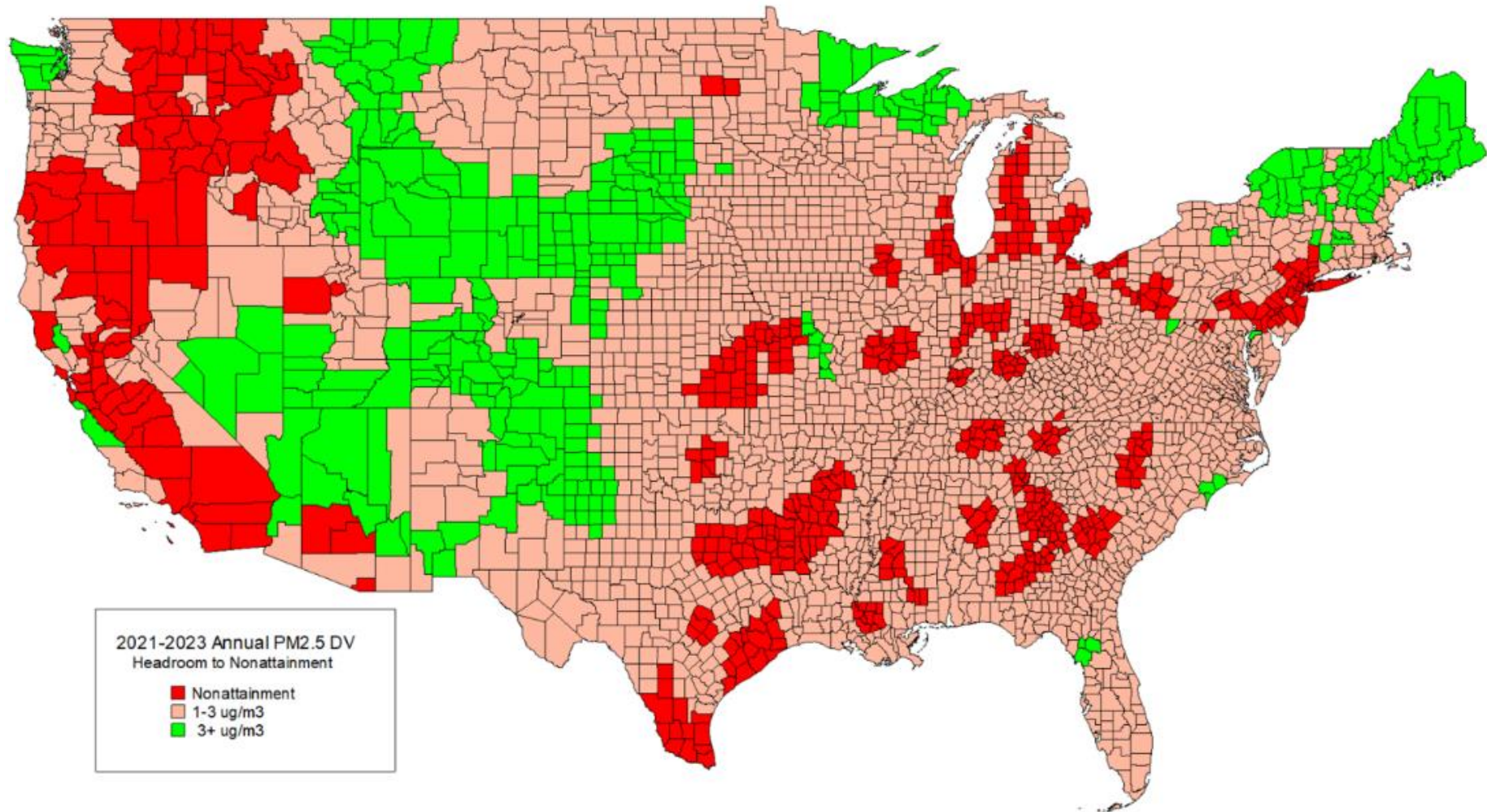
Federal Activity: EPA Unified Agenda Spring 2025

TITLE	STAGE OF RULEMAKING
PFAS Requirements in NPDES Permit Applications	Proposed Rule Stage
Final Clarifying Definition of “Waters of the United States”	Proposed Rule Stage
Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification Improvement Rule	Proposed Rule Stage
Extending the Compliance Deadline for the PFAS National Primary Drinking Water Regulation Rulemaking	Proposed Rule Stage
Withdrawal of Regulatory Determinations and removal of Related Provisions for 4 PFAS Substances	Proposed Rule Stage
Reconsideration of Greenhouse Gas Reporting Program	Proposed Rule Stage



US Chamber of Commerce's Air Priorities

— Particulate Matter (PM) NAAQS



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— Risk Management Program (RMP)

