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## Biden Pledges 50%+ Emissions Cut By 2030

*\*The original version of the article below, published in today's NEON, erroneously stated the date of Biden's new 50%+ climate goal as 2050. The correct date is 2030. Also, the article incorrectly listed Vermont as the only Northeast state not participating in the governors' alliance that has endorsed the president's pledge. Vermont is in fact a member of the alliance but New Hampshire is not. A corrected version appears below. We apologize for any confusion.*

Before a group of 40 world leaders on Earth Day, President Biden pledged to reduce economy-wide GHG emissions by 50% to 52% below 2005 levels by 2030. The new target is double that of the Obama administration and more ambitious than climate targets established by any U.S. state. Biden explained it as an interim step to achieving his broader goals of 100% "clean" power by 2035 and a net-zero economy by 2050.

The White House briefly outlined its policy approach to achieving its climate goals in a [press release](#). Most of the document is a rehash of Biden's recently proposed infrastructure plan. Disappointingly, the release reiterates the administration's support for electrification of buildings through "wider use of heat pumps." The document does, however, express support for research, development, demonstration, and deployment of advanced renewable fuels, which opens the door for further dialogue on the matter.

A bipartisan group of two-dozen governors [endorsed](#) the president's 50%+ emissions cut by 2030 and net-zero by 2050. The group, known as the U.S. Climate Alliance, claims to represent 60% of U.S. gross domestic product (GDP), 55% of all Americans, and 40% of U.S. emissions. "We will pursue a suite of climate policies to reduce and sequester GHG emissions across all sectors to meet or exceed these ambitious targets," they said. All Northeast and Mid-Atlantic governors except for Chris Sununu of New Hampshire are members of the Alliance.

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