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Power On! Colorado Upgrades Electric Grid for Clean Energy Transition

by [Kelsey Johnson](#) and [Maria Oxman](#)

This summer, Governor Polis signed into law the Modernize Energy Distribution Systems Act (“SB 218”) to optimize the electric grid, support the electrification of Colorado’s transportation and infrastructure, and facilitate renewable energy development. The comprehensive legislation aims to improve the state’s energy distribution system and ensure Colorado’s utilities are prepared for the clean energy transition. [Read more...](#)

Biden Administration Issues New Policy on Voluntary Carbon Markets

by [Amira Moronne](#), [Lindsay Dofelmier](#), and Sarah Walker

On May 28, 2024, the Biden administration introduced new guidelines on voluntary carbon markets (“VCMs”) intended to strengthen the integrity of the markets and make them a reliable, effective tool to reduce carbon emissions.^[1] While some nonprofit organizations, such as The Integrity Council for the Voluntary Carbon Market and the Voluntary Carbon Markets Integrity Initiative, have already developed guidance and standards to improve the quality and reliability of VCMs, this new policy is the first guidance on VCMs issued by the federal government. [Read more...](#)

Dunes Sagebrush Lizard Listed as Endangered

by [Kathleen C. Schroder](#) and Griffin Mansi

On May 20, 2024, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) listed the dunes sagebrush lizard as endangered under the Endangered Species Act (ESA). The dunes sagebrush lizard exists solely in shinnery oak duneland complexes in the Permian Basin, both in Texas and New Mexico. The listing took effect on June 20, 2024. [Read more...](#)