



Infographic

The De-Regulation Process

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Find out how the federal government DE-regulates in a new infographic.

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The Trump Administration reduced the regulatory burden to achieve nearly \$1 billion in annual savings during its first year. This is a dramatic shift from the last administration, which added almost \$900 billion in cumulative regulatory costs. But how exactly does the federal government de-regulate?

TO SCRAP A REGULATION, A NEW REGULATION MUST BE MADE TO UNDO THE OLD ONE.

STEP 1

This process starts by demonstrating that a rule either misses the mark in its purpose or is overly burdensome.

STEP 2

An agency drafts a proposed rule to negate or change a currently existing rule and sends it to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs at the White House.

STEP 3

The agency reviews all public comments and weighs whether any changes should be made to its proposed rule.

STEP 4

Last, the agency publishes this final rule in the Federal Register, and lets the public know when it will take effect.

EXAMPLE

The Environmental Protection Agency published a rule that changed one of its reporting requirements from a paper filing to an electronic filing. This saved affected industries \$66 million each year.

As controversial as some deregulatory actions may seem, there is still a process the administration must go through that requires sound cost-benefit analysis.

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