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Obama's Regulatory Agenda Hammers Construction Jobs



President Obama recently announced that he will soon deliver another major speech regarding job creation.

The President promised to specifically focus on "*putting construction workers back to work rebuilding America.*" He said "*we ought to give more opportunities to all those construction workers who lost their jobs when the housing boom went bust.*"

If President Obama really wants to build new construction jobs, he needs to simply



- **[EPA Stormwater Runoff Regulations](#)**

"EPA's 'Post-Construction Run-Off' regulations will pose a major obstacle for our industries recovery." – *The Associated Builders & Contractors, February 1, 2011*

- **[Cement MACT Rule](#)**

EPA's new regulations making cement, a major building component, more expensive. – "We will have no choice but to pass that onto the customer and as a result, housing and infrastructure costs will increase" - *Stephen Hayden, Keystone Cement Plant Manager, June 26, 2011*

- **[Coal Ash Regulations](#)**

EPA is proposing treating coal ash as hazardous waste, a product that is used in cement, concrete, wallboard, roofing materials, paints and plastics, and in highway projects. "Once again, EPA is overstepping its bounds to attack the coal industry, and it is ignoring the adverse employment impacts on the nation's construction industries," – *William Kovacs, U.S. Chamber of Commerce*

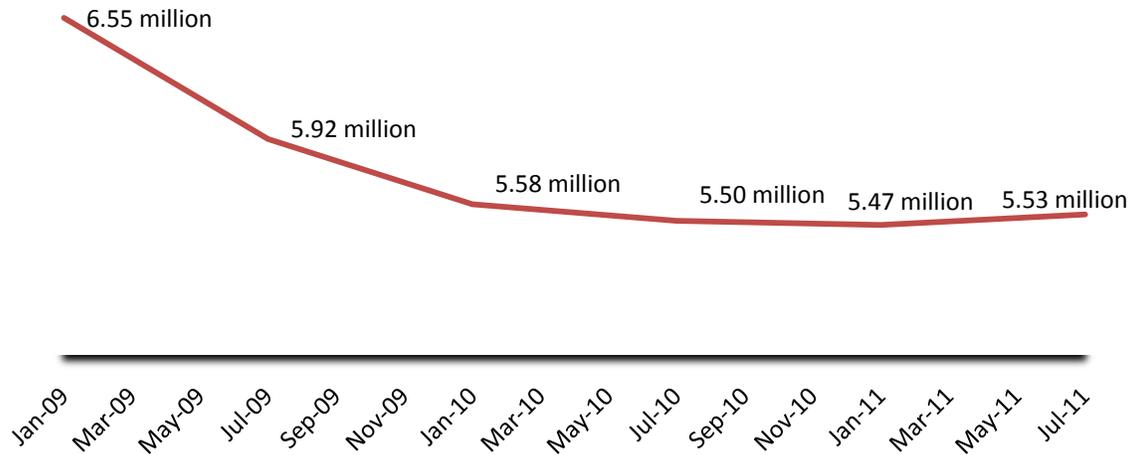
- **[Clean Water Act Jurisdictional Guidance](#)**

EPA and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers are proposing to regulate all wet areas of a State under the Clean Water Act. – "the guidance also will impose new land use restrictions, permitting costs, and increased delays associated with increased federal jurisdiction, none of which is reflected in the EPA cost estimates." – *Waters Advocacy Coalition*

Obama's Regulatory Agenda Leaves Construction Workers in the Dust

Construction Jobs

Over 1 Million Construction Jobs Lost Since Obama Took Office



Just This Summer:

- JUNE:** “Construction employment was essentially unchanged in June. After having fallen sharply during the 2007-09 period, employment in *construction has shown little movement on net since early 2010.*” – Bureau of Labor Statistics
- JULY:** “Elsewhere in the private sector, employment in construction, transportation and warehousing, information, financial activities, and leisure and hospitality *changed little over the month.*” – Bureau of Labor Statistics
- AUGUST:** “Unemployed workers are leaving the [construction] industry at seven times the rate they are finding jobs in it.” – *The Associated Builders & Contractors, August 5th*