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Red Tape Review

Regulations by the Numbers for 2011:

214 Days:	Since Obama's Executive Order on Regulations
40 Days:	Since Obama's Executive Order on Regulations for Independent Agencies
1 Rule:	Repealed this year – spilled milk not considered an oil spill
395 Rules:	Regulations deemed significant under Executive Order 12866
\$67.4B:	Cost of regulatory burdens from new rules for the year
52208 Pages:	Pages of regulations in the Federal Register so far this year
60.6 Million:	Hours of annual paperwork burden

The EPA reiterated its commitment this week to finalizing a rule to reduce the acceptable level of ozone from 75 parts per billion to between 60 and 70 parts per billion. ***According to the [EPA](#), a 70 parts per billion standard would put 515 U.S. counties out of compliance and create construction bans all across America.*** Many observers speculate that EPA will issue the final standard before Congress returns from its August recess.

[POLITICO: Obama's Unhelpful Advice:](#) Here's a rundown of what happened when (a Politico reporter) started...calling the USDA's general hotline to inquire about information related to the effects of noise and dust pollution rules on Illinois farmers. (August 18, 2011)

[WALL STREET JOURNAL: Obama: Congress Needs to Act on Economy:](#) *Sen. Pat Toomey (R-PA) said the Obama administration's policies aren't working and said government needs to get out of the way and reduce burdensome regulations.* "As a former small-business owner who ran several restaurants with my brothers, I can attest to the burden these regulations impose on our job creators," he said. (August 13, 2011)

[CLEVELAND PLAIN DEALER: Create Jobs, Grow the Economy:](#) Let's provide regulatory relief by cutting needless red tape. Job creators small and large are increasingly burdened by expanding layers of Washington regulations. ***Let's go beyond the rhetoric and enact common-sense cost-benefit analysis that separates the necessary regulations from those that kill jobs, and insist agencies use the least burdensome alternative.*** (U.S. Senator Rob Portman, August 16, 2011)

DAILY CALLER: EPA's New Ozone Regulations Overburden Local Governments, Say Critics: In a letter to Obama urging him to stop these regulations, a coalition between NAM and 35 state-level manufacturing associations cites *a Manufacturers Alliance study that estimates the EPA's new ozone regulations would eliminate 7.3 million jobs by 2020.* (August 17, 2011)

INVESTOR'S BUSINESS DAILY: Regulation Business, Jobs Booming under Obama: *If the federal government's regulatory operation were a business, it would be one of the 50 biggest in the country in terms of revenues, and the third largest in terms of employees, with more people working for it than McDonald's, Ford, Disney and Boeing combined.* (August 15, 2011)

FORBES: Obama's Automotive Fuel Standards Must Go: *Automotive fuel efficiency standards have a well-earned spot in most economists' "top-10" list of bad or sub-par regulations.* Adding more muscle to those regulations will only move CAFE standards up that list even higher. (August 18, 2011)

GOP Solutions to Red Tape

Johnson Introduces Regulation Moratorium and Job Preservation Act (S. 1438)

Collins Introduces Bill to Give EPA Adequate Time to Implement Boiler MACT Rule (S. 1392)

Toomey Introduces Employment Protection Act (S. 1292)

Barrasso Introduces Employment Impact Act (S. 1219)

Portman Introduces Measure to Reduce Red Tape on Job Creators (S. 1189)

Inhofe Releases Senate Report Exposing the High Cost of EPA's Water Regulations and Their Impacts on State and Local Budgets

Rubio Calls on Senate to Act on Amendment Defunding Job-Destroying EPA Mandate (S. Amdt. 435)

Senators Introduce Keeping Politics Out of Federal Contracting Act (S. 1100)

Vitter Introduces Bill to Put "Moratorium" on Agencies Over-Regulating (S. 927)

Alexander, Graham, DeMint Introduce Job Protection Act (S. 964)

DeMint Pushes to Repeal Dodd-Frank Financial Takeover (S. 712)

Enzi Backs Constitutional Amendment to Give Power Back to the States (S.J. Res. 12)

Senate Republican Jobs Plan: An Outline for Creating American Jobs and Prosperity

Moran Introduces Bill to Reform Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (S. 737)

Inhofe, Johanns Introduce “Comprehensive Assessment of Regulations on the Economy (CARE) Act” (S. 609)

Collins Introduces “Clearing Unnecessary Regulatory Burdens (CURB) Act” (S. 602)

Snowe, Coburn Introduce the “Small Business Regulatory Freedom Act” (S. 474)

Roberts Introduces “Regulatory Responsibility for our Economy Act” (S. 358)

Paul Introduces REINS Act (S. 299)