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## *Red Tape Review*

### **Regulations by the Numbers for 2011:**

<b>248 Days:</b>	Since the President's Executive Order on Regulations
<b>74 Days:</b>	Since the President's Executive Order on Regulations for Independent Agencies
<b>1 Rule:</b>	Repealed this year – spilled milk not considered an oil spill
<b>449 Rules:</b>	Regulations deemed significant under Executive Order 12866
<b>\$79.4B:</b>	Cost of regulatory burdens from new rules for the year
<b>59236 Pages:</b>	Pages of regulations in the Federal Register so far this year
<b>81.1 Million:</b>	Hours of annual paperwork burden

On Friday, September 16, 2011, in little noticed brief the [EPA filed in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the DC Circuit](#), the Agency affirmed its intent to apply greenhouse gas regulations even on small facilities. The regulation will cost taxpayers \$21 billion per year and require the hiring of 230,000 additional government workers undertaking 1.4 billion work hours to process the paperwork.

Senate Republicans are fighting for common sense solutions to regulations such as *Sen. Mike Johanns' "Farm Dust Regulation Prevention Act," S. 1528*, which would prevent EPA from regulating dust in rural America while maintaining the protections to public health under the Clean Air Act.

[WASHINGTON POST: FCC Net Neutrality Official Nov. 20; Lawsuits Expected to Follow](#): Verizon Communications said Thursday it plans to file a lawsuit to scrap the regulation that prevents Internet service providers from arbitrarily slowing or blocking data traffic. *The company has argued that such rules prevent it from experimenting with new business models and make it difficult to manage traffic congestion on their networks.* (September 22, 2011)

[INVESTOR'S BUSINESS DAILY: Our Overregulated Economy: Murder By 1,000 Paper Cuts](#): *To date, the EPA has refused to conduct an analysis examining the total economic impact of its rules on jobs*; retail electricity rates and gasoline prices; power plant closures; state and local governments; small businesses; electric reliability and energy-intensive manufacturers. *That is unconscionable, especially in this economic climate.* (U.S. Senators Jim Inhofe and John Barrasso, September 20, 2011)

**WASHINGTON TIMES: Democrats Need to Choose: EPA or Jobs:** The House should overwhelmingly pass the TRAIN Act and the Senate should follow. *If the president has the temerity to veto a bill that would save 1.4 million jobs while keeping energy prices lower, House Republicans should attach it to the 2013 budget and dare him to veto that.* (September 20, 2011)

**WALL STREET JOURNAL: Defusing a Savings Bomb:** The U.S. economy hasn't had much good news lately, but here's one small victory: *The Department of Labor yesterday withdrew a proposed rule that would have regulated out of business large swathes of the investment advisory industry and increased the cost of professional financial advice to millions of Americans.* (September 20, 2011)

**DAILY CALLER: New Labor Regulations a Ploy to Provide Unions with 'Hit Lists,' Critics Say:** The Labor Department is expected to soon finalize new “persuader regulations” that would *force labor lawyers, consultants and specialty firms to publicly disclose all of their financial and personal information.* (September 21, 2011)

### ***GOP Solutions to Red Tape***

**Collins Calls for “Time Out” from Burdensome Federal Regulations (S. 1538)**

**Johanns Legislation Would Curb Federal Regulations on Job Creators (S. 1531, S. 1530, S. 1528)**

**Rubio, Cornyn, Hutchison Look to Shut Down Proposed IRS Reporting Rule (S. 1506)**

**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 \(S. 299\)](#)