

[USA Today](#) reports on a speech Perry is set to deliver about energy issues. It's a humdinger. Here are the main points:

- Open federal lands to more energy exploration and production, including ANWAR and lands in the Mountain West - but not the Everglades, a tribute to Florida as a primary state. More offshore drilling in the Gulf of Mexico and off the southern Atlantic coast.
- Approve pipelines to facilitate new energy fields, including the Keystone XL Pipeline.
- Suspend and reconsider many of EPA's recent mandates and regulations, including rules designed to improve air quality. Repeal the EPA's authority over greenhouse gases.
- Prohibit federal agencies reaching consent decrees with advocacy groups, forcing them to pursue lawsuits instead. (He also proposes special environmental courts and other measures to speed up litigation).
- Phase out all energy subsidies and tax incentives except a research and development tax credit available to all types of energy producers.

The litigation-related measures are somewhat novel, although it's not clear how they would work. The rest of the package could hardly be more predictable.