

## **US Energy policy**

US President Barack Obama says US energy policy will be a top priority next year and may have to be done “in chunks” rather than through one piece of legislation. “One of my top priorities next year is to have an energy policy that begins to address all facets of our over-reliance on fossil fuels,” says Obama. “We may end up having to do it in chunks, as opposed to some sort of comprehensive omnibus legislation. But we’re going to stay on this because it is good for our economy, it’s good for our national security, and, ultimately, it’s good for our environment.” Climate change was one of Obama’s top priorities when he took office in 2009, but it took a backseat to healthcare reform, financial regulation reform, and economic stimulus legislation. “During the past two years, we’ve not made as much progress as I wanted to make when I was sworn into office. It is very hard to make progress on these issues in the midst of a huge economic crisis. I am committed to making sure that we get an energy policy that makes sense for the country and that helps us grow at the same time as it deals with climate change in a serious way,” says Obama.

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