

# Webcast: What You Need to Know: SEC Adopts Long-Awaited Climate Change Disclosure Rule

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Join us for a 60-minute briefing covering key aspects of the SEC's adoption of the climate change disclosure rule. Gibson Dunn Partners Beth Ising, Tom Kim, Gene Scalia and David Woodcock discuss key aspects of the final rule, what companies need to prioritize in order to prepare for compliance, key implementation challenges and the prospects for litigation. Topics discussed:

- Primary differences between the proposed and final rules
- Companies and transactions covered by the rule and exemptions, exceptions, and exclusions
- Timing and transition periods
- Open/unresolved issues
- Key implementation and compliance priorities
- Potential litigation

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