

U.S. Supreme Court to Rule on Legality of New Tariffs

This week, the U.S. Supreme Court announced they will take up cases challenging the legality of President Trump's tariffs on products imported into the United States. The court will rule on whether the president has the constitutional authority to unilaterally impose tariffs without congressional approval.

The court will examine the legality of President Trump's tariffs on Canada, China, Mexico, and several other countries. Tariffs on steel, aluminum, and copper implemented under the president's Section 232 national security powers will not be affected by the court's ruling.

Oral arguments in the case will take place during the first week of November and an expedited decision by the Supreme Court is expected in the beginning of 2026.

The tariffs in question will remain in effect until the Supreme Court issues a final ruling in the case.

Last month, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit issued a 7–4 ruling affirming that President Trump's global baseline tariff and reciprocal tariffs-imposed under the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (IEEPA)—were illegal because he exceeded the authority granted by the law.

NDA Submits Comments to Congress on Infrastructure Reauthorization

Last week, NDA joined a coalition of over 30 trade associations in [submitting comments](#) to the House and Senate transportation committees on the importance of reauthorizing key infrastructure programs in 2026.

Critical infrastructure programs and funding from the 2021 Bipartisan Infrastructure Law are set to expire on September 30, 2026, and will need to be reauthorized by Congress over the coming year.

NDA is urging Congress and the Trump administration to renew these crucial programs to ensure America can continue to meet its infrastructure needs.

Trump Administration Releases Semiannual Regulatory Agenda

The Trump administration recently published its [Semiannual Regulatory Agenda](#), which lays out various federal agencies' regulatory plans for this year and beyond. Although aspirational in nature, the agenda provides insight into the Administration's upcoming regulatory activities and priorities. Federal law requires agencies to publish a Unified Agenda in the Federal Register twice a year. Below is a list of key rulemakings that could impact the demolition industry in the coming months:

- **Heat Injury and Illness Prevention in Outdoor and Indoor Work Settings:** The Department of Labor (DOL) is continuing to examine how to establish standards specifically related to heat-related injury and illness prevention.
- **Joint Employer Status under the Fair Labor Standards Act:** The DOL will look at the circumstances under which a business can be held liable as a joint employer.
- **Employee or Independent Contractor Classification under the FLSA:** The DOL will examine the circumstances under which a worker should be classified as an employee or independent contractor for the purpose of federal wage and hour requirements.
- **Defining and Delimiting Exemptions for Executive, Administrative, Professional, Outside Sales, and Computer Employees:** The DOL will determine whether certain salaried employees are exempt from FLSA minimum wage and overtime requirements.

- **Lock-Out/Tag-Out Update:** The DOL is aiming to release a new lock-out/tag-out update by the end of 2025.

NDA will continue to track new regulatory actions by the Trump administration and will weigh in on any proposals that impact the demolition industry.