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Russell Vought, the director of the White House Office of Management and Budget, is overseeing the Trump administration's effort to overhaul government regulations.

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his first term and watching President Joe Biden enact scores of new rules pushed by the left, Trump has marshaled a strategy for a dramatic do-over designed to kill regulations swiftly and permanently.

At Trump's direction, agency officials are compiling the regulations they have tagged for the ash heap, racing to meet a deadline next week after which the White House will build its master list to guide what the president called the "deconstruction of the overbearing and burdensome administrative state."

The approach, overseen by Russell Vought, the director of the White House Office of Management and Budget, rests on a set of novel legal strategies in which the administration intends to simply repeal or just stop enforcing regulations that have historically taken years to undo, according to people familiar with the plans. The White House theory relies on Supreme Court decisions that they believe give them the basis for sweeping change.

The broad scope of the effort has created a major opportunity for businesses and their allies, who have long lobbied Washington to soften regulations and now have willing and even eager partners spread across the administration to help rewrite the rules they live by.

This account inside the Trump administration's sprawling campaign to undo generations of regulations is based on interviews with 14 current and former Trump administration officials, federal regulators and people involved in the DOGE mission.

Trump and his allies see the new steps as the coup de grâce in a systematic overhaul of the federal government that began with mass layoffs and efforts to shut down some agencies. They believe that the rapid repeal of some rules - and the stop-work order on enforcing others - will quickly and permanently uproot a vast network of regulations that many see as a safety net, but that they view as a drag on industry and a tool for what Vought has

called a "woke and weaponized" bureaucracy.

While Republican presidents have for generations sought to rein in regulations, experts say there has never been such an immediate and comprehensive strategy to so quickly erase or freeze this many rules that are woven throughout so many dimensions of the American economy and daily life.

Vought is seeking public input. He posted a call for ideas on the Federal Register, the government portal where the public can comment on proposed regulatory changes, adding a deregulatory "suggestion box."

In recent days, Trump's executive orders have signaled an even more aggressive approach than many expected.

The White House directive last week that many rules can simply be repealed without a "notice and comment" period would circumvent a process long required by the 1946 Administrative Procedure Act - and would probably trigger court challenges, legal experts said.

That is why the White House is planning another approach to regulations that it may not be able to immediately repeal. For those, according to people familiar with the discussions, it will simply stop enforcing the rules while going through the legal notice-and-comment process to roll them back - effectively ignoring them until they are off the books.

That strategy relies on an obscure 1985 Supreme Court decision, Heckler vs. Chaney, in which Justice William Rehnquist wrote that if a federal agency did not enforce a regulatory action, that act was generally beyond the review of the courts.

New boutique hotel with rooftop bar coming to Versailles this summer

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A new boutique hotel and restaurant is coming to downtown Versailles.

Formerly called the Rickhouse Hotel, the owners announced a new name - The Aldenberg Hotel - this week.

The hotel, at 101 W. Main St. in Versailles, is in the former Woodford Bank and Trust Company, which was originally constructed in 1852.

"The Rickhouse Hotel was always intended as a working title," said Alex Riddle, co-founder, Single Barrel Group. "From the

very beginning, we envisioned something more timeless, more refined and that's exactly what The Aldenberg represents."

The hotel is named after H.W. Aldenberg, an architect who designed homes and public buildings in Versailles, Lexington, and Winchester.

The 22,000 square feet hotel will have 29 rooms including three suites. One of those suites will be a bridal suite.

Silk's Steakhouse will occupy the first floor of the building and will include a bar. The Aldenberg will also have a rooftop bar that will offer small plates and full bar

service.

A craft distillery will also operate on site, producing small batch spirits.

The hotel was originally announced in 2019, but funding hurdles and other delays pushed the opening date back several times, according to The Woodford Sun.

"The Aldenberg Hotel is about more than just luxury, it's about legacy," said Emily Riddle, co-founder of Single Barrel Group.

"It's where old-world elegance and Kentucky character meet, inviting guests to experience something both rooted and rare."

The Mefford-constructed hotel is scheduled to open in late summer. The Riddles said they are currently taking bookings for this summer and fall. To find out more go to www.aldenberghotel.com

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