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POT: More than 90 percent of the funding Congress authorized for the Department of Energy in the 2021 Bipartisan Infrastructure Law has not yet reached recipients, raising questions about the fate of billions of dollars for energy projects and emerging technologies, according to a report today from the EFI Foundation, which was spearheaded by former Energy Secretary Ernest Moniz.

The group also found that more than half of the authorized \$57.5 billion for DOE has yet to even be legally committed, including more than \$15 billion that has not been touched since the law's enactment.

The unobligated \$29.3 billion affects industries ranging from hydrogen (\$8.4 billion remaining)

to carbon management (\$6.6 billion) to grid modernization (\$3.8 billion) to energy storage (\$2.1 billion).

Staffing and contracting challenges during the Biden administration slowed the funding pace, a process that has stalled further under Trump, the report says. If DOE does not spend the money over the next two years and Congress neither redirects or rescinds it, it would be left for the next administration.

LEGAL BATTLE BEGINS: EPA's repeal of climate rules for power plants is being published today in the Federal Register, spurring the Natural Resources Defense Council and other environmental groups to file a legal challenge. Jean Chemnick has the scoop.