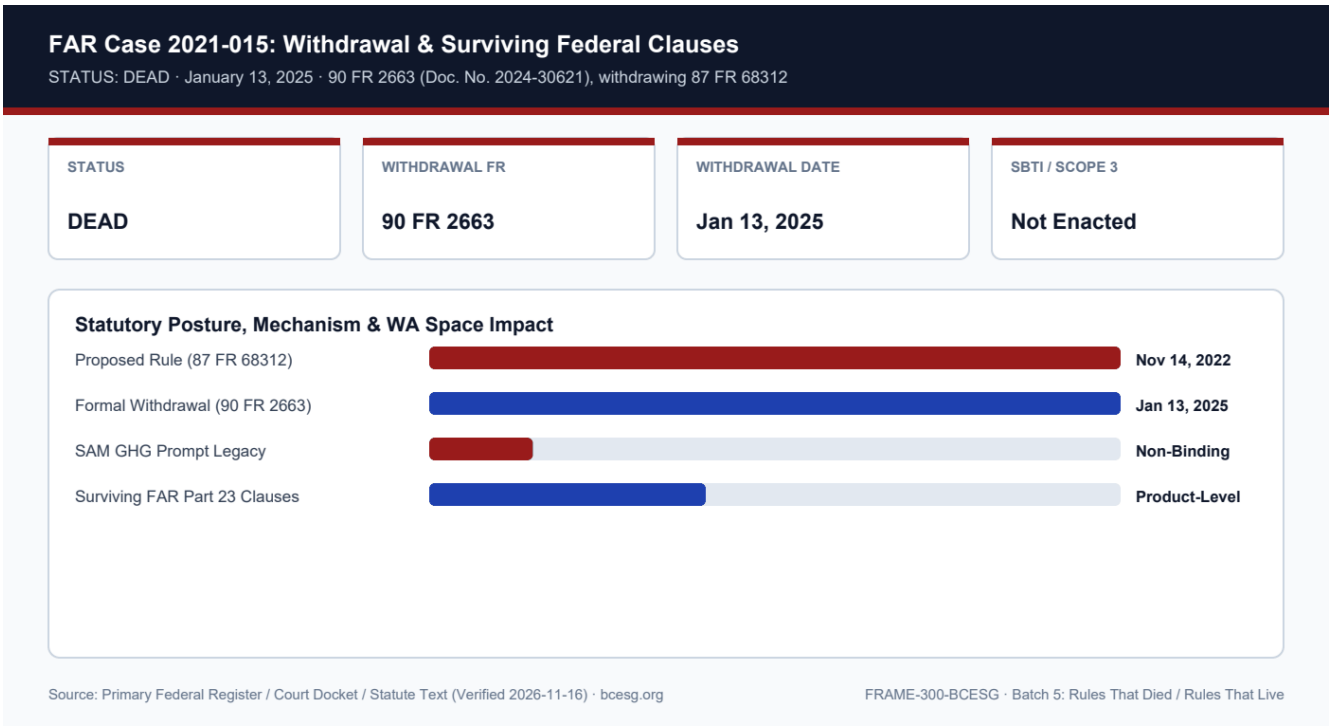
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FAR Case 2021-015 Supplier Climate Rule: DEAD — Withdrawn Jan 13, 2025 (90 FR 2663)

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Rule: FAR Case 2021-015: Disclosure of Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Climate-Related Financial Risk | **Status:** DEAD | **Instrument:** 90 FR 2663 (Doc. No. 2024-30621), withdrawing 87 FR 68312 | **Date:** January 13, 2025

Verdict & Proof: FAR Case 2021-015 is DEAD. The FAR Council (DoD, GSA, NASA) formally withdrew the November 14, 2022 proposed rule (87 FR 68312) on January 13, 2025 (90 FR 2663). No federal contractor faces a FAR-mandated Scope 1, 2, or 3 inventory or SBTi target-setting clause under this rulemaking.



Element	Withdrawn Proposal (87 FR 68312)	Current Status (90 FR 2663, Jan 13, 2025)
Scope 1+2 Inventory ($7.5M+ contractors)	Proposed mandatory annual SAM/CDP disclosure	DEAD — Withdrawn; no FAR mandate
Scope 3 & SBTi ($50M+ contractors)	Proposed mandatory disclosure & validation	DEAD — Withdrawn; never codified
FAR 52.223-22 Representation	Legacy GHG representation in SAM	DEAD — Barred in DoD via 2025-O0004
FAR Part 23 Product Clauses	Recovered content / EPEAT / biobased	LIVE — Narrow product-level rules only

Mechanism of Death: Federal Register Withdrawal (90 FR 2663)

On January 13, 2025, the Department of Defense, General Services Administration, and NASA jointly published a withdrawal notice in the Federal Register (90 FR 2663, Document Number 2024-30621), terminating FAR Case 2021-015 without issuing a final rule. The withdrawn 2022 proposal (87 FR 68312) would have required major federal contractors ($50M+ in annual federal obligations) to publish Scope 1, 2, and relevant Scope 3 inventories and set Science Based Targets (SBTi), while requiring significant contractors ($7.5M–$50M) to disclose Scope 1 and 2 emissions.

Because the rulemaking was withdrawn prior to finalization, it never entered Title 48 of the Code of Federal Regulations. Any consultant deck or prime-contractor questionnaire citing FAR Case 2021-015 as an active or pending federal mandate is relying on a terminated docket.

What Replaced It: Surviving Federal Clauses & Private Portal Asks

Nothing replaced FAR Case 2021-015 at the federal acquisition level. Legacy representations in the System for Award Management (SAM) tied to repealed executive orders (such as FAR 52.223-22) were stripped of enforcement by agency deviations. What remains live in FAR Part 23 are narrow, product-level sustainable procurement clauses (such as biobased, recovered-material, and energy-efficient product preferences).

For Washington space-cluster manufacturers, climate data requests today come exclusively from commercial primes (such as Amazon Leo or Boeing commercial programs) or state-level statutes like California SB 253—never from a federal FAR climate mandate. See our Batch 4 Supplier Ask guide for how to answer prime portals without conceding non-existent federal authority.

Verified Primary Sources & Internal Bridges

• Federal Register Withdrawal Notice (90 FR 2663): https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2025/01/13/2025-00592/federal-acquisition-regulation-disclosure-of-greenhouse-gas-emissions-and-climate-related-financial

• Federal Register Proposed Rule (87 FR 68312): https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2022/11/14/2022-24569/federal-acquisition-regulation-disclosure-of-greenhouse-gas-emissions-and-climate-related-financial