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Trump Administration Launches Permitting Technology Action Plan

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Today, the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ), in consultation with the National Energy Dominance Council and relevant permitting agencies, issued a Permitting Technology Action Plan to modernize Federal environmental review and permitting processes for infrastructure projects involving roads, bridges, mines, factories, power plants and more.

The Permitting Technology Action Plan provides a government-wide strategy to optimize technology to effectively and efficiently evaluate environmental permits, allowing for seamless information exchange between agencies, simplified interactions for applicants, and greater transparency and predictability on environmental review and permitting schedules for sponsors and stakeholders.

The Permitting Technology Action Plan contains:

- Minimum functional requirements for environmental review and permitting systems;
- An initial National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and permitting data and technology standard;
- A timeline and implementation roadmap for agencies; and
- A governance structure for implementation.

This Permitting Technology Action Plan is a testament to the Trump Administration's commitment to expediting and simplifying the environmental review and permitting process. It delivers on President Trump's Memorandum, [Updating Permitting Technology for the 21st Century](#), and follows the establishment of the [Permitting Innovation Center](#). Working with the General Services Administration's Technology

Transformation Services, the CEQ-led Permitting Innovation Center will design and test prototype permitting technology systems in order to advise Federal agencies on the adoption of the best-in-class-tools.

“The Trump Administration is working tirelessly to implement innovation-driven environmental review and permitting reforms to eliminate needless delays that cripple the growth of the U.S. economy, replacing outdated technology with efficient, speedier solutions,” said **Katherine Scarlett, Chief of Staff at the White House Council on Environmental Quality**. “Through interagency coordination, this Administration has taken bold action to streamline the NEPA process and get America back to building infrastructure projects of all kinds.”

“Under President Trump’s leadership, we will ensure the Federal government is maximizing modern technologies to streamline permitting,” said **Thomas Shedd, Technology Transformation Services Director at the General Services Administration**. “Technology Transformation Services remains committed to supporting the execution of the Permitting Technology Action Plan by building the tools agencies can use to accelerate their environmental review and permitting processes – with results in weeks or months, not years.”

The solutions laid out in the Permitting Technology Action Plan will leverage technology to tackle longstanding problems identified in CEQ’s E-NEPA Report to Congress—including, reliance on outdated systems, fragmented data management, and disconnected digital tools—reinforcing this Administration’s unwavering dedication to deliver outstanding results at 21st century speeds.

[VIEW: PERMITTING TECHNOLOGY ACTION PLAN](#)

[VIEW: NEPA AND PERMITTING DATA AND TECHNOLOGY STANDARD](#)

In Case You Missed It: [President Trump Unleashes Permitting Technology for the 21st Century](#)

“We need to drill more, map more, mine more, and build more — all while innovating faster than our global competitors,” said **Secretary of the Interior Doug Burgum**. *“The Permitting Technology Action Plan will channel our greatest asset, American innovation and technology, to overhaul our current permitting process and power our nation faster, better, cleaner, and more reliably than ever before. Embracing cutting-*

edge development and modernizing this outdated system will pave the way to American success.”

“With President Trump’s leadership, this administration is taking action to fix a broken system that’s slowing down critical energy projects across the country. Outdated permitting systems are creating costly delays at the exact moment we need to be expanding capacity, strengthening our energy security, and building the infrastructure that powers American industry and lowers costs for families,” said **Secretary of Energy Chris Wright**. “As Secretary of Energy and Vice Chair of the National Energy Dominance Council, I welcome this decisive action to modernize permitting technology, cut red tape, and align the full force of the federal government behind getting these essential projects approved and built—because energy dominance isn’t possible without the infrastructure to support it.”

“When President Trump says American farmers and ranchers have been the lifeblood of our economy for centuries, he means it. For too long, our producers have experienced delays and uncertainty as they navigate a complex permitting process that gets in the way of American innovation and stifles energy and timber production. This historic Memorandum will increase efficiency and transparency so farmers, foresters, and producers can get back to the work they do every day to feed, fuel, and clothe our nation,” said **Secretary of Agriculture Brooke Rollins**.

“It takes too long to build in America,” said **Secretary of Transportation Sean P. Duffy**. “Ridiculous red tape and outdated regulations add cost and delays to projects. It has to stop. Thanks to President Trump’s leadership, we are slashing the bureaucracy and getting back to actually building things in America again. We are doing that by harnessing innovative technology to expedite the permitting process.”

“I applaud President Trump for his actions to streamline environmental reviews and permitting processes which will bolster American innovation and grow our economy. Pillar Three of my Powering the Great American Comeback Initiative is permitting reform, cooperative federalism, and cross-agency partnership and under President Trump’s leadership, EPA will leverage technology to maximize efficiency and maintain the quality of review while expediting permits for infrastructure projects. No longer will applicants face years-long, uncertain, and costly permitting processes. Instead, we will safeguard our environment and incentivize investment into our economy creating American jobs,” said **Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency Lee Zeldin**.

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