

Permitting Reform to Support Energy and Infrastructure Development

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IEC Position

- IEC supports the PERMIT ([H.R. 3898](#)) and SPEED ([H.R. 4776](#)) acts, passed by the House in December 2025.
- IEC supports the Trump administration's [National Policy Framework for Artificial Intelligence](#), which calls on Congress to pass commonsense guidelines for AI and data center development, maintaining America's AI leadership while safeguarding families, communities, and employees.

IEC's Ask

- **Ask:** Urge Congress, and specifically the U.S. Senate, to immediately pass permitting reform legislation to deliver certainty for America's energy and infrastructure development.
- **Ask:** Support the PERMIT Act and SPEED Act or similar legislation.
- **Ask:** Include targeted safeguards against abusive litigation that delays critical projects.

Background

Prolonged and unpredictable federal permitting delays for power and energy projects create significant barriers to infrastructure development. IEC contractors are directly involved in building and maintaining energy and infrastructure projects across the country

These delays:

- Increase project costs for taxpayers and private investment.
- Slow the deployment of critical energy and infrastructure projects needed for economic growth.
- Create uncertainty that impacts workforce planning and project execution.

In addition, repetitive and low-merit lawsuits have become a significant source of delay for both clean and conventional energy projects, further complicating an already cumbersome process.

The PERMIT and SPEED acts, passed by the House in December 2025, would:

- Streamline the National Environmental Policy Act review process.
- Clarify the definition of Waters of the United States (WOTUS).
- Provide additional reforms necessary to advance infrastructure development.