

U.S. Chamber Steps in to Defend Recent NEPA Reforms in Court

The U.S. Chamber, along with eight other trade associations, has [taken steps to intervene in litigation seeking to roll back recently enacted reforms](#) to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

Earlier this summer, the White House Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) finalized updates to NEPA designed to reduce delays associated with the permitting process while maintaining thorough reviews and public input. The Chamber is committed to defending this important reform.

Why it matters: “It will simply be impossible to build the infrastructure our nation needs—from telecommunications to roads and bridges to renewable energy—without the reforms the Administration has enacted,” said Ed Mortimer, the Chamber’s vice president of transportation and infrastructure.

With our country facing the dual threats of an economic crisis and climate change, it is more important than ever that reforms to NEPA are implemented.

Big picture:

- On average, it takes over 4.5 years for a project to reach a NEPA decision, with transportation project applications ballooning to 7 years.

What’s next: The Chamber and its coalition partners are planning to request intervention in other challenges to the new NEPA regulations.

Learn more: The [Unlock American Investment Coalition](#), made up of 50 organizations including the Chamber, offers examples of projects delayed by the lengthy permitting process.