

Chamber Leads Push for Permit Streamlining

Earlier this week, the Chamber's Global Energy Institute led a [coalition letter](#) with 40 organizations from across the economy calling on Congress to prioritize improvements to the federal permitting process under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

Background: The Chamber and our allies support NEPA's intent of considering environmental impacts of critical infrastructure projects that require government approval. However, the NEPA process now takes many years to reach a project decision, creating significant delays and hurting economic growth.

Last year, the Chamber started the [Unlock American Investment Coalition](#) which rallied agriculture, energy, forestry, manufacturing, organized labor and transportation organizations around NEPA modernization. The Trump administration enacted NEPA reforms, but President Biden has reversed the "One Federal Decision" policy and placed those reforms under review for potential repeal.

Why it Matters: Given the current economic crisis brought on by the pandemic, investing in our infrastructure will encourage growth and increase opportunity, but in particular, can help the communities hit the hardest.

–Chad Whiteman, Vice President, Environment and Regulatory Affairs, Global Energy Institute

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