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08/18/2017 – Executive Order Seeks to Streamline Construction Reviews & Permitting

On August 15, President Donald J. Trump signed an Executive Order that addresses the Administration's determination to reduce or lessen the delays, inefficiencies, and waste associated with redundant and often time overlapping environmental reviews and permitting for major infrastructure projects. The current sea of federal red tape for reviews and permitting unnecessarily hampers the delivery of major infrastructure projects. The Executive Order: (1) requires the Federal Government to speak with one voice through "One Federal Decision;" (the goal is for sponsors of major infrastructure projects to no longer need to spend time and money navigating a complex web of permitting and environmental reviews with multiple federal agencies); (2) takes aim at the decade it can currently take the Federal Government to process environmental documents for major infrastructure projects and instead establishes a 2-year goal; (3) requires federal agencies to track their milestones, report progress to the White House, and face penalties for poor performance with the goal of bringing accountability to the process; and (4) seeks to ensure the Federal Government will conduct environmental reviews more efficiently while still protecting *legitimate* environment concerns.

To read the Executive Order go to: [<https://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2017/08/15/presidential-executive-order-establishing-discipline-and-accountability>].