

NEPA DOES NOT DELAY



Deregulation is Not the Solution for Clean Energy



WE HAVE SOLUTIONS TO DELIVER A HEALTHY, SAFE, & FAIR FUTURE FOR ALL

We need a permitting process that protects public health and community engagement, especially for communities of color and of low-income who bear the brunt of pollution and the disproportionate impacts of the climate crisis. **There are better solutions with significant support:**

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Incorporate Communities at Every Stage of the Process
2. Increased Staffing, Capacity, and Funding to Better Coordinate Developers, Communities, and Agencies
3. Address Transmission Acceleration Directly
4. Strengthen NEPA by Passing the EJ for All Act

- ✓ The Environmental Justice for All Act (written in partnership with communities across the U.S.)
 - Cements key protections including cumulative impacts analysis, first, early, and ongoing engagement models, along with civil rights and NEPA requirements.

Learn more about the real reasons for project delay through WE ACT and Sowing Justice's 'NEPA Does Not Delay' StoryMap at bit.ly/nepadoesnotdelay

OPPOSE H.R. 4766, THE SPEED ACT

This legislation guts the National Environmental Policy Act's (NEPA) core functions, cuts communities and science out of the review process, and puts profit over public interest. The bill:

- Dramatically narrows application of NEPA and limits the scope of reviews;
- Bans the use of new scientific research or updated data that becomes available after a project is proposed;
- Shifts agencies' duty from protecting the public interest to meeting the goals of the applicant;
- Undermines the power of the court to halt illegal projects, and;
- Eliminates meaningful judicial review.

The SPEED Act puts a finger on the scale in support of rapid fossil fuel infrastructure buildout. The revised version, released on November 17, 2025, is an even more extreme than the original bill.

Environmental Justice Groups + Allies Oppose Deregulatory Permitting Reform

- **Over 680 organizations**, including environmental justice and public health advocates, said NO to past unjust permitting efforts

90 Organizations Oppose the SPEED Act

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LACK OF PROTECTIVE PERMITTING PROCESS HURTS COMMUNITIES

Data centers like xAI are a great example of the negative consequences of not conducting a public participation process, economic or environmental impact analysis.

“xAI is a problem, but it’s a 200-year problem of industrialization...We should not be violating clean air standards, because it is threatening people’s lives. Everyone is walking around with respiratory issues, headaches, asthma, or gastrointestinal problems. We need to be able to put standards in place...”

- **Marquita Bradshaw**

Executive Director of Sowing Justice - Memphis, TN

“We need a permitting process that protects public health, especially of communities of color and of low-income who bear the brunt of pollution and the disproportionate impacts of the climate crisis. A better pathway is possible, one that secures a just transition and safeguards the most vulnerable communities.”

- **PEGGY SHEPARD,**

Co-Founder and Executive Director at WE ACT for Environmental Justice



**WE CANNOT CONTINUE TO
SACRIFICE COMMUNITIES.**

**WE HAVE REAL SOLUTIONS –
WE NEED LEADERS TO ACT.**



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