

United States

Permitting Dashboard



TYPE OF TOOL
Data and digital initiatives



MAIN SECTOR
All sectors



INFRASTRUCTURE GOVERNANCE PILLARS
Coherent, predictable and efficient regulatory framework

In a nutshell



OBJECTIVE: The Permitting Dashboard is an online tool for Federal agencies, project developers, and interested members of the public to track the Federal Government's environmental review and authorisation processes for large or complex infrastructure projects.



Agency in charge
U.S. Department of Transportation



Levels of government
Federal



Year of implementation
2012



Current status
Fully operational

Overview

The Permitting Dashboard is an online tool for federal agencies, project developers, and interested members of the public to track the Federal Government's environmental review and authorisation processes for large or complex infrastructure projects, part of a government-wide effort to improve co-ordination, transparency, and accountability. As a data source for environmental review and authorisation timelines, the Dashboard provides consistent data federal agencies can use to analyse permit and review practices and identify ways to further improve the effectiveness and efficiency of these processes. Proposed infrastructure projects must obtain various permits and environmental reviews to ensure they are designed and constructed in a manner that protects public health, safety, cultural resources, and the environment, and that the public is informed about their potential impacts. Federal permits and reviews safeguard clean water, ensure that projects do not interfere with national defence activities, air or water vessel navigation, or international relations objectives, and safeguard irreplaceable resources such as historic properties, Native American cultural sites, and endangered species. Although the vast majority of permit decisions and project reviews are completed within a few months, sometimes the process can take several years for projects that are particularly large and complex or that have significant environmental impacts. The Permitting Dashboard provides enhanced accountability by displaying project timelines on a forum easily accessible to the public, project sponsors, and government agencies. The enhanced co-ordination, visibility, and accountability of the Permitting Dashboard allows the nation to realise the benefits of infrastructure investments – such as reduced traffic, increased access to energy, construction jobs, and increased economic activity – while simultaneously safeguarding environmental and community resources, such as increasing the use of landscape-level conservation of watersheds, habitats, and species.

REFERENCES:

- Permitting Dashboard, <https://www.permits.performance.gov/>