

THE SUSTAINABILITY REPORT | July 2nd 2026

Keeping corporate leaders up to date on how policy decisions in DC are impacting sustainability efforts across the country.

Permitting Reform

There is a growing coalition of stakeholders pushing Congress to act on permitting reform by the end of this year. The House continues to pass bills that could be included in a larger package while it waits for the Senate to issue its version of a bill. The Senate Environment and Public Works Committee and Energy and Natural Resources Committee Chairs and Ranking Members and their teams continue to negotiate text. We anticipate a bill as soon as they get closer to an agreement.

Washington, DC Update

On the regulatory side, EPA issued new guidance allowing state regulators to issue New Source Review permits before developers obtain required emissions offsets. Legislatively, the House is facing roadblocks as they struggle to move forward on votes for the National Defense Authorization Act and appropriations bills.

Want to Learn More

- EPA launched a new [Permitting Authority Map](#) to determine whether the federal government, a state, territory, Tribal nation, or local agency issues a permit.
- R Street Institute has a [primer on House bills](#) making up the foundation of NEPA reform that has been sent over to the Senate.

Engagement Opportunities

- The Senate Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry Committee Republicans issued a [Farm Bill 2.0 discussion draft](#). This impacts everything from National Forests and private lands conservation to energy development in rural areas.
 - The Committee is expected to mark up the bill later this month.
- The House is working through its appropriations bills. They are working through an Energy & Water appropriations bill and you can see the list of amendments [here](#).
 - The Senate is expected to start marking up bills in July.
- The Energy Department announced [\\$50 million](#) for affordable, reliable, and secure energy solutions in Indian Country.
 - Applications are due by July 24.