

CREPC-TC Meeting

Permitting and Siting

October 10, 2025



WYOMING ENERGY AUTHORITY (WEA)

The Wyoming Energy Authority supports the growth of a secure and prosperous future for Wyoming's energy and natural resources.

Our mission is to advocate for, facilitate and advance Wyoming's energy economy.

WEA's Statutory Authority

The WEA was created in part to:

- "Diversify and expand the Wyoming economy through improvements in the State's Electric and Energy Transmission Infrastructure."
- "Engage with stakeholders... on potential market opportunities, energy projects, and technology development that will increase the value of Wyoming energy."

The WEA is authorized to:

- "Work in consultation and coordination with entities" and "do any and all things necessary for the development, regulation, and accomplishment of the purposes of the Authority."
- This includes obtaining and protecting confidential information and creating an environment for frank discussions.

Industrial Siting Division

1975-Established by Industrial Development Information and Siting Act

1992-Became a Division within Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)

2024-Division consists of three (3) fulltime employees including an Administrator



Industrial Siting Council

Industrial Siting Division is the Administrative arm of the Council

7 members appointed by the Governor for staggered six-year terms

Provides formal legal proceedings:

- Conducted by the Council**
- Assess and control environmental, social, and economic impacts (Receives comment from 19 state agencies, local governments, mineral rights owners, residents, and other parties)**
- Evaluate and determine the amount of impact assistance dispersed to local governments to mitigate impacts of the project**



Industrial Siting Process

Jurisdictional Meeting

Application Received—Begins 135 Day timeline

Public Notice (Within 10 days)

Hearing (Around 90 days)

Final Decision—135 day; *mandated by statute*





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Streamlined and Predictable

The Industrial Siting process offers a centralized, well-defined pathway for obtaining state-level authorization for large industrial projects. Instead of navigating multiple uncoordinated different approvals, a developer can work through a single, structured review that sets clear expectations, timelines, and procedural steps—reducing uncertainty and delays.

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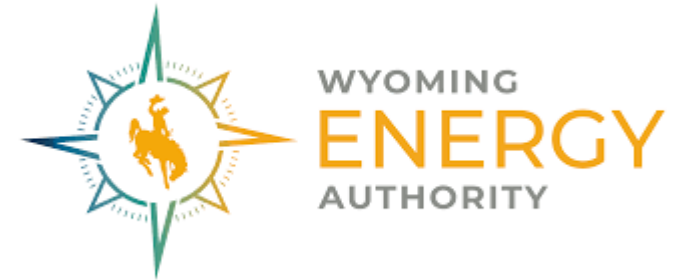
Enhanced stakeholder and community coordination

By bringing state agencies, local governments, and affected communities together early in the process, the Industrial Siting Council helps resolve potential conflicts upfront. This formal engagement can lead to smoother local acceptance, reduced litigation risk, and better long-term relationships with host communities—critical for maintaining project momentum and reputation.

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Regulatory certainty and public credibility

A permit from the Industrial Siting Council provides regulatory legitimacy and demonstrates that the project has undergone rigorous state review of environmental, social, and economic impacts. This can improve investor confidence, strengthen financing prospects, and make it easier to secure subsequent approvals (e.g., transmission, water, or environmental permits).



TransWest Express Transmission Line

A planned bipolar HVDC transmission line between the Chokecherry wind farm near Rawlins, Wyoming to Marketplace substation near Boulder City, Nevada.

Key Components

- 600kV 728 miles long
- 3,000 MW DC segment with terminals near Sinclair, Wyoming and Delta, Utah; 1,500 MW AC segment from the Delta, Utah terminal to Boulder City, Nevada
- Connects three planning regions in the WECC
- On April 19, 2019, the Wyoming Industrial Siting Council unanimously approved a state permit for constructing and operating the TransWest Express Transmission Project.

Concerns on the Horizon

Local Pushback

BANANA/NIMBY is not a red state or a blue state issue, this is happening across the country impacting many types of projects. This is largely being driven at the local level—counties in particular.

