



PERMITTING DASHBOARD
GLOSSARY OF TERMS www.permits.performance.gov
FEDERAL INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

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Overview of Permitting Dashboard

The Permitting Dashboard is an online tool for Federal agencies, project developers and interested members of the public to track the Federal government’s permitting and review process for large or complex infrastructure projects. Federal permits and reviews safeguard such irreplaceable resources as historic properties, Native American cultural sites, endangered species, and clean water, and ensure that projects do not interfere with national defense activities, air or water vessel navigation, or international relations objectives. Specific project information, to the extent applicable, will be visible to the public via www.permits.performance.gov. This information is self-reported by key individuals at the project’s lead Agency and continually updated to reflect the evolving nature of the project information. The data depicted on the public website has been entered and approved using a linked Dashboard application. Note that not all fields will display for all projects, if that information was not applicable to the projects or otherwise not provided by the project lead Agency.

Purpose

The Glossary defines terms used throughout the Permitting Dashboard website; and especially fields that can be found within individual [Project pages](#) visible on the Dashboard. Many of these terms are also useful for the [Project Data downloads](#). This document is intended for viewers / consumers of the Public facing Permitting Dashboard.

Glossary terms (Alphabetical)

Action	<p>Also known as Permitting Action. A general term that refers to all permits, reviews, and authorizations that can be associated with a Project. Each Action will have multiple underlying Milestones. (See Milestones.)</p> <p>A list of all possible Actions may be found in the Federal Environmental Review and Authorization Inventory</p>
Bureau / Mode	<p>The sub-office, bureau, mode or department with principal responsibility for a project, within the Lead Agency.</p>
Cooperating Agency (FAST-41)	<p>The term “cooperating agency” under FAST-41 means any agency with (A) jurisdiction under Federal law; or (B) special expertise as described in 40 CFR Section 1501.6. Under FAST-41, the universe of cooperating agencies is the same as NEPA with respect to Federal agencies (those with jurisdiction or special expertise), but only includes states that choose to participate in the FAST-41 process, which would result in the requirements under FAST-41 applying to the state or an authorization issued by the state.</p> <p>See the FAST-41 Implementation Guidance for additional guidance.</p>

Cooperating Agency (NEPA)	<p>CEQ’s regulations define “cooperating agency” as “any federal agency other than a lead agency which has jurisdiction by law or special expertise with respect to any environmental impact involved in a proposal.” The NEPA regulations further provide that a state or local agency or tribe may be a cooperating agency by agreement with the lead agency.”</p> <p>See the CEQ Regulations Implementing NEPA, 40 CFR 1508.5.</p>
Cost	See Total Estimated Project Cost .
County	The primary County affected by the project.
Covered Project	<p>Projects Identified as Covered Projects under Title 41 of the Fixing America’s Surface Transportation (FAST) Act</p> <p>An economically significant infrastructure project that is subject to NEPA and has a total investment over \$200 million. FAST-41 defines a Covered Project as “any activity in the United States that requires authorization or environmental review by a federal agency involving construction of infrastructure for renewable or conventional energy production, electricity transmission, surface transportation, aviation, ports and waterways, water resources projects, broadband, pipelines, or manufacturing.”</p> <p>See the FAST-41 Implementation Guidance.</p>
Environmental and Community Outcomes	Environmental and community outcomes are the qualitative and quantitative Descriptions of how a project’s projected effects change over time and the community-based processes and mitigation measures developed to address those effects.
Facilitating Agency	<p>The agency which receives the initial notification or application from the Project Sponsor, beginning the FAST-41 process.</p> <p>See the FAST-41 Implementation Guidance.</p>
Justification For Paused Status	This describes the reason provided by the Agency for a Project reflecting a “PAUSED” status.

	<p>Possible reasons that a project may be PAUSED include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Awaiting State, Local, or Tribal Government Action • Lacking Financing • Facing Legal Action • Other/Agency Discretion (Limitation on staff resources does not count)
Lead Agency	<p>The Agency with principal responsibility for an environmental review of a covered project under NEPA and parts 1500 through 1508 of title 40.CFR. FAST-41 expands the term to include the lead agency for any environmental review, including environmental assessments.</p> <p>See the FAST-41 Implementation Guidance.</p>
Lead Agency Point of Contact (POC)	<p>The individual within the Lead Agency who is responsible for ensuring project information is accurate. The POC is also responsible for coordinating with other agency contacts on specific activities. <i>This is an individual</i> not an office, bureau, group or agency.</p>
Location	<p>The physical location of the project. Minimum information requested as the city, state and zip code or Latitude and Longitude may be added. County may be added where useful.</p> <p>See also: Primary Address, Multiple Locations,</p>
Milestones (Recommended)	<p>Actions will always have multiple underlying Milestones. These are either BASELINE (pre-determined and pre-populated) or OPTIONAL [see Milestones (Optional)].</p> <p>The majority of Project Actions contain these baseline milestones:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initial Application Received • Completed Application Received * • Issuance of Decision of Permit / Approval • Notice to Proceed * • Review Terminated with no Decision * <p>For a full description of the Action and Milestone breakdown, please refer to Appendix B of the FAST-41 Implementation Guidance.</p>
Milestones (Optional)	<p>Actions will always have multiple underlying Milestones. These are either be pre-determined and pre-populated [see Milestones (Baseline)] or they will be OPTIONAL.</p>

	The Optional Milestones field is used to track milestones that are not common to other Projects, and may not be pre-populated.
Multiple Locations	For projects spanning more than one street address or latitude/longitude location, additional data points may be provided to accommodate projects that span multiple jurisdictions. Note that only the “ Primary Address ” will show up on the Project page’s map.
Participating Agency	FAST-41 defines Participating Agency as an agency participating in an environmental review or authorization for a covered project in accordance with 42 U.S.C Section 4370m-2. See the FAST-41 Implementation Guidance .
Primary Address	The main address for the project. If multiple locations are added, the Primary Address will be the only one to appear on the Project page’s map. See also: Multiple Locations .
Project Description	This is a succinct, plain language summary of the project. This field may also contain additional useful information for the public.
Project Title/Name	A project title is the common name of a project entered into the Permitting Dashboard.
Project Type	List of project sub-types within each Sector. See the complete list See also: Sector
Project Website Title	This is title/name of the publicly accessible website or webpage that contains information regarding the overall Project.
Sector	All projects on the Permitting Dashboard will fall within <i>one</i> of the following sectors: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water Resources • Renewable Energy Production • Conventional Energy Production • Electricity Transmission • Aviation • Ports and Waterways • Broadband

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Surface Transportation • Manufacturing • Pipelines <p>See also: Project Type</p> <p>See the complete list</p>
Sponsor	The project sponsor is an entity, including private, public, or public-private entities, seeking an authorization for a covered project.
Status	<p>Status can be project, action or milestone specific.</p> <p>In every case they are defined as follows.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planned – FAST-41 Initiation Notification (FIN) has been received • In Progress – at least one action and / or related milestone is underway • Paused – work has stopped due to issues beyond the control of the acting agency. (See Justification For Paused Status) • Complete – all work has been performed and a decision rendered. • Cancelled – work has been stopped and is not expected to restart at any point in the future
Target / Actual Dates	<p>The TARGET completion date is established when the project’s Coordinated Project Plan (CPP) has been agreed upon.</p> <p>Once the Milestone date has been accomplished, this will appear as the “Actual Completion Date”.</p>
Total Estimated Project Cost	<p>To qualify as a Covered Project under the objective standard in the covered project definition (see 42 U.S.C. § 4370m(6)(A)(i)(II) and 3.3), the project must be likely to require a total investment of more than \$200 million. Reference OMB/CEQ Guidance Section 3.4.</p> <p>This information may not be displayed to the Public.</p> <p>See also: Covered Project</p>