

There's a lot to ponder in the permitting reform bill before the Senate. I've tried to work through what I think the important issues are in Titles I through IV of the bill (which focus on environmental law). As a reference, in case it's useful to others, here are my blog posts discussing the various provisions, and making suggestions for improvements:

Initial overview:

<https://legal-planet.org/2026/10/01/a-quick-overview-of-the-senate-permitting-reform-bill/>

Title I (NEPA remedies):

<https://legal-planet.org/2026/10/02/permitting-reform-bill-nepa-remedies/>

Title I (other NEPA provisions):

<https://legal-planet.org/2026/10/09/unpacking-the-senate-permitting-reform-bill-nepa/>

Title II (Clean Water Act):

<https://legal-planet.org/2026/10/10/unpacking-the-senate-permitting-reform-bill-cwa/>

Title III (Endangered Species Act):

<https://legal-planet.org/2026/10/12/unpacking-the-senate-permitting-reform-bill-esa/>

Title IV (Permit Certainty I):

<https://legal-planet.org/2026/10/13/unpacking-the-senate-permitting-reform-bill-permit-certainty/>

Title IV (Permit Certainty II):

<https://legal-planet.org/2026/10/16/a-major-problem-with-permit-certainty/>

Title IV (Permit Certainty III):

<https://legal-planet.org/2026/10/18/how-to-deconstruct-federal-regulation/>

Title IV (Disparate Impact):

<https://legal-planet.org/2026/10/14/unpacking-the-senate-permitting-reform-bill-disparate-treatment-for-permits/>

Suggestions for improvements:

<https://legal-planet.org/2026/10/16/improving-permitting-reform/>

Permitting Politics (two posts): <https://legal-planet.org/2026/10/19/permitting-wars/>
<https://legal-planet.org/2026/10/19/procedure-versus-substance/>