



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER JML 24-17

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*Streamlining Permitting Processes in the Oil and Gas Industry*

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**WHEREAS,** the Oil and Gas Industry plays a crucial role in the economic development and energy security of our Nation, and the continued development of domestic oil and gas resources is critical to driving the economic success of our State and our Nation;

**WHEREAS,** more than 10% of Louisiana's employment is directly or indirectly supported by the Oil and Gas Industry;

**WHEREAS,** the Gulf Coast's crude oil production and natural gas production is anticipated to grow over the next decade;

**WHEREAS,** the current state permitting process for new energy projects and industrial expansion has become decidedly protracted, costing Louisiana high-paying jobs and commensurate tax revenue;

**WHEREAS,** a streamlined permitting process will enhance efficiency, promote economic growth, increase state severance tax revenues, and ensure the Nation's energy security; and

**WHEREAS,** it is in the best interest of our State of Louisiana and our Nation to expedite permitting processes to encourage timely oil and gas production.

**NOW THEREFORE, I, JEFF LANDRY,** Governor of the State of Louisiana, by virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution do hereby order and direct the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources and the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality to promote the streamlining of permitting processes associated with the Oil and Gas Industry as follows:

- A. Establish clear and concise guidelines to expedite the permitting processes, ensuring a timely and efficient approval mechanism.
- B. Identify areas where agencies can enhance coordination and collaboration to eliminate duplication, reduce inefficiencies, and ensure a seamless permitting process.

- C. Explore and implement innovative technologies and approaches to streamline permitting, and eliminate duplication between agencies while maintaining environmental standards.
- D. Engage in public outreach to provide detailed information and customer-friendly guidance to applicants on the required documentation, procedures, and criteria needed at the beginning of the permitting process, and communicate changes in the permitting process.
- E. Develop and utilize performance metrics to accurately assess the permitting process.
- F. No later than December 31, 2024, the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources and the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality shall report to the Office of the Governor the steps taken to comply with this Order.
- G. This Executive Order is effective upon signature and shall continue in force and effect until January 1, 2025 unless amended, modified, terminated or rescinded by the Governor.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of Louisiana in the City of Baton Rouge, on this 5<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2024.

  
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Jeff Landry  
GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA

ATTEST BY THE  
SECRETARY OF STATE

  
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