

STATE OF INDIANA

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT INDIANAPOLIS

EXECUTIVE ORDER 25-40

FOR: INCREASING OPPORTUNITY FOR INDIANA’S BUSINESSES AND HOOSIERS THROUGH PERMITTING TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY

TO ALL WHOM THESE PRESENTS MAY COME, GREETINGS.

WHEREAS, the State of Indiana recognizes the vital role of efficient environmental permitting processes in promoting economic development and ensuring environmental stewardship;

WHEREAS, understanding the timetable for permitting is integral for economic development in the State of Indiana, and for all Hoosiers as they prepare to apply for permits;

WHEREAS, the State of Indiana has a range of statutory and administrative timelines for permits within our state agencies, and it is important for the public to understand whether these statutory timelines are being followed and if there is room for improvement or additional transparency;

WHEREAS, businesses depend on adherence to these timelines to accelerate speed to market, maintain operational efficiency, and foster sustained economic growth in the State of Indiana;

WHEREAS, the State of Indiana prides itself on being a national leader in permitting excellence, issuing permits of the highest quality that stand up to legal scrutiny while protecting Indiana’s natural resources;

WHEREAS, transparency, accountability, and efficiency in the permitting process are essential for maintaining public trust and enhancing Indiana’s reputation as a premier destination for economic investment; and

WHEREAS, the State of Indiana remains committed to streamlining government and increasing transparency in all areas;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MIKE BRAUN, by virtue of the authority vested in me as the Governor of the State of Indiana, do hereby order that:

1. The Indiana Department of Environmental Management (“IDEM”), the Department of Natural Resources (“DNR”), and the Department of Transportation (“INDOT”) shall publicly post their permitting metrics on their respective official websites. These metrics shall include but are not limited to:
 - a. number of permit applications received,
 - b. average processing times for permits;
 - c. percentage of permits issued within allotted timelines; and
 - d. status updates on pending applications.
2. IDEM, DNR, and INDOT shall update their public permitting metrics on a monthly basis to ensure that timely and accurate information is available to businesses, stakeholders, and the public.
3. The leadership of IDEM, DNR, and INDOT shall conduct regular reviews of their permitting processes to ensure compliance with permit timelines, identify opportunities for improvement, and maintain the high quality of permits issued.

4. IDEM, DNR, and INDOT shall continue to prioritize permitting excellence as a cornerstone of economic development, ensuring that the State of Indiana remains a leader in regulatory best practices while upholding environmental and infrastructure standards.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I,
Mike Braun, have hereunto set my hand
and caused to be affixed the Great Seal
of the State of Indiana on this 24th day
of March, 2025.

Mike Braun

Mike Braun
Governor of Indiana

DIEGO MORALES

ATTEST: Diego Morales
Secretary of State