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NDA Applauds Agreement to Expedite Environmental Permitting

[Washington, DC] - Today, NDA is applauding the leaders of several federal agencies for signing a memorandum of understanding (MOU) to streamline the environmental permitting process. The memorandum of understanding implements President Trump's Aug. 15, 2017 [executive order](#), which aims to cut permitting time for big infrastructure projects to two years.

“NDA is pleased to see these key federal agencies sign the memorandum on streamlining environmental permitting,” said NDA President Scott Knightly. “Small businesses, including those involved in demolition, must comply with many overlapping layers of federal permits and obtaining the correct ones for jobs requires navigating through a complex regulatory system of regulations. This takes a significant amount of time and money. Streamlining this process will provide needed clarity and decisiveness for obtaining permits while ensuring relevant agencies execute proper oversight. In addition, this will allow critical infrastructure projects to move forward and provide a boost to the American economy.”

Signatories of the agreement included the Energy, Interior, Transportation and Agriculture departments as well as U.S. EPA, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and the Army Corps of Engineers. The MOU was signed at a White House cabinet meeting on Monday.

The memo reflects the permitting agenda outlined in President Trump's infrastructure plan released earlier this year. One federal agency will take the lead on permitting under the MOU, issuing a single environmental impact statement for the entire federal government. The lead agency will be able to set timetables for other agencies, with the goal of getting the entire process down to two years.

To read the press release from the White House, click [here](#). Members with questions can contact Kevin McKenney at kmckenney@demolitionassociation.com

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