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## **Natural Gas Council Congratulates House for SPEED Act, Urges Senate to Continue Permitting Reform Efforts**

WASHINGTON, D.C. December 18, 2025 – On behalf of the companies who produce, transport and deliver natural gas across the nation, the Natural Gas Council thanks the U.S. House of Representatives for making progress towards permitting reform with the passage of several bills addressing the issue over the last week, including H.R. 4776, Standardizing Permitting and Expediting Economic Development (SPEED) Act.

The U.S. Supreme Court's recent decision in *Seven County Infrastructure Coalition vs. Eagle County*, has helped to streamline the scope of reviews under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), and we are encouraged to see the House seize that momentum by passing the SPEED Act, which would codify the *Seven County* changes, and other proposals that would reform the Clean Water Act to expedite permitting processes for natural gas infrastructure.

To ensure a reliable, affordable, and sustainable future, the Natural Gas Council and the companies we represent encourage the Senate to move quickly next year to approve a permitting reform package that provides certainty in the permitting process and improves reviews for all energy projects to achieve the central objective of advancing American energy dominance.

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**About the Natural Gas Council:** The Natural Gas Council was formed in 1992, uniting all sectors of the natural gas industry to work together toward common goals. The five full members of the Council — the American Gas Association, the American Petroleum Institute, the Interstate Natural Gas Association of America, the Independent Petroleum Association of America and the Natural Gas Supply Association — collectively represent nearly all the companies that produce, transport and distribute natural gas consumed in the United States. Leadership of the NGC rotates annually. [www.NaturalGasCouncil.org](http://www.NaturalGasCouncil.org)