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Early Engagement Avoids Perils of Wyoming Industrial Siting

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The challenges with proposed permit conditions are likely to get worse, but drawing on the lessons of the past can help new project proponents navigate the pitfalls and emerge from the permitting process positioned for success.

The Wyoming Industrial Development and Siting Act governs the permitting of large-scale projects, including renewable energy projects, data centers, refining, manufacturing, and carbon capture to name a few. Established over 40 years ago, the Act and subsequent regulations created a fairly predictable process:

- Project proponent meets with the Industrial Siting Division at Wyoming's Department of Environmental Quality to determine whether the project must obtain a permit.
- Project proponent prepares a permit application consistent with the applicable statutes and associated regulations and submits that application for the Industrial Siting Division to review.
- Contested case hearing before the Industrial Siting Council who has final approval over permit applications. See id. at §§ 109, 110, 113.

Cheyenne-based partner Jeffrey Pope authored the article titled, “Early engagement avoids perils of Wyoming industrial siting,” published in *pv magazine,* April 5, 2023. The article provides a practical roadmap to navigate the challenges of permitting renewable energy, carbon capture, data center, refining, manufacturing, and other large-scale projects through Wyoming's Industrial Siting process.

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