



Chemical Industry Labor-Management Committee (CILMC) Resolution on Permitting Reform

WHEREAS the Chemical Industry Labor-Management Committee (CILMC) partnership between the U.S. chemical industry's American Chemistry Council (ACC) and its members, and the fourteen affiliated unions of North America's Building Trades Unions (NABTU) recognizes the chemical industry's vital importance to the current economy and future growth of the United States; and

WHEREAS CILMC advocates for policies that reinforce the ongoing domestic manufacturing renaissance and foster the expansion of domestic investments and innovations that will help grow America's \$517 billion chemical industry, expand employment opportunities for the hard-working men and women of the building trades, and support workers and industries in the critical economic sectors associated with the chemical industry; and

WHEREAS CILMC trustees understand that the continued success of the chemical industry requires the availability of a well-trained, highly skilled American workforce, and a policy and regulatory environment that promotes investment, innovation, and growth; and

WHEREAS chemical manufacturing and its supply chains produce essential "inputs" for many energy solutions such as semiconductors, solar and wind power, and military applications; and make many of the innovative materials needed for infrastructure modernization, such as advanced batteries, high-performance building solutions, lightweight vehicle parts and electric vehicles (EVs); and

WHEREAS a timely and efficient permitting process will help unlock the energy and climate resources provided under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and Inflation Reduction Act and other authorities; and

WHEREAS modernizing the policies used to review and approve for new energy production, energy infrastructure, and manufacturing projects is a valuable and under-recognized tool to help policymakers advance these national priorities; and

WHEREAS updating America's infrastructure will facilitate job creation, including in the chemistry industry; and overcoming today's infrastructure challenges will help ensure that our nation can fully realize the benefits of increased production; and

WHEREAS public and private entities seeking to undertake major capital projects must often run the gauntlet of a dozen separate agency reviews and approvals, often resulting in years of project delays and uncertainty surrounding major projects, making new construction investments less attractive and hindering job creation; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chemical Industry Labor-Management Committee:

1. Recognizes that the slow and inefficient permitting process for major energy and industrial projects must be updated and improved with the aim of expediting infrastructure and other development; and
2. Supports the leadership and bipartisan commitment to policies and efforts to streamline approval of energy infrastructure project permits and simplify and rationalize the project permit application, review, and appeals process; and
3. Encourages and supports efforts towards a more effective federal permitting process that produces timely outcomes, delivers certainty to both public and private project investors and provides certainty for job opportunities for the hard-working men and women of North America's Building Trades Unions who help build our nation's infrastructure without sacrificing the integrity of the underlying statutes that keep skilled building trades members safe on the jobsite; and
4. Is committed to policies that encourage the building and development of energy and manufacturing infrastructure and technologies of all kinds and ensure effective coordination across government agencies and programs as well as public and stakeholder participation in the process; and
5. Urges legislators to support legislation to accelerate and streamline the federal permitting process for infrastructure projects by, among other things, providing better coordination among federal regulators and more timely consideration of development priorities while holding agencies accountable for reasonable, timely actions on permit applications and reviews.