

# Secretary Granholm CITAP Remarks

JENNIFER GRANHOLM: Hello, everyone. I'm Secretary of Energy Jennifer Granholm, and welcome to the CITAP portal, which is your new one-stop shop for all your federal transmission permitting needs. As you know, President Biden has set this goal of 100% clean electricity by 2035. So to make that happen, we need to increase transmission capacity 60% over the next few years. So we need to build new lines at twice our current pace.

And we know that right now, permitting is a huge obstacle. It should not take four years, let alone 10 years or more, just to get federal permits. We do not have that kind of time. So enter CITAP. CITAP is designed to help federal agencies permit transmission projects more efficiently without compromising on quality.

So the program does three things. Number one, it makes DOE the lead agency, the main point of contact to coordinate federal permitting in this space. No more trying to figure out what goes where in acronym city, what I sometimes call the federal government. Now we'll tell you exactly what you need, who to send it to, and how long the reviews should take, and we'll help make sure that our federal partners stick to that schedule.

So number two, CITAP puts a two-year shot clock on the federal review process, and that cuts the current average in half. Huge.

And then number three, this program embeds community-engagement planning into the application process. We want to help you prevent delays down the line, and we have plenty of best practices to share. And best of all, you'll be able to do it all through one portal, the CITAP portal, from submitting your paperwork to checking your project status to mapping out your participation plans and more.

Your work is so important for helping us to meet this moment in American history. We need you to help us build a 21st-century grid, so we're giving you 21st-century tools to get that job done. There is no time to waste. Work with CITAP Work with DOE to bring your projects and America's clean-energy future to life.

Thank you so much.