

Laws in Order: An Inventory of State Renewable Energy Siting Policies



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A report undertaking a 50-state review of renewable energy siting policies has been published titled: Laws in Order: An Inventory of State Renewable Energy Siting Policies (“Report”)

The authors of the Report include:

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The Report was been compiled by researchers from:

- Regulatory Assistance Project
- Clean Air Task Force

Support is stated to have been provided by:

- United States Department of Energy
- Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory
- Consensus Building Institute

The Report is intended to be a resource for:

- Policymakers
- Project Developers
- Community Members

The Report’s abstract notes that it identifies:

... which government entity or entities in each state or territory have the jurisdictional authority to make siting and permitting decisions about large scale wind and solar projects.

The survey encompasses all 50 states.

The Report also addresses:

- Timelines for siting and permitting processes
- Requirements for public involvement in such processes
- Availability of permitting guides and model ordinances designed to assist local jurisdictions

An interactive map allowing users to review a state’s authorities and policy features is included.

The organization Clean Air Task Force characterizes the key findings as including:

- Level of government with principal authority often depends on project size
- Timelines for permitting vary widely
- Most states have public involvement requirements
- Public guidance is available in many states
- Model ordinances are available in many states
- Local authorities typically control siting standards

A copy of the Report which includes a section addressing the State of Arkansas can be found [here](#).