

The Rundown

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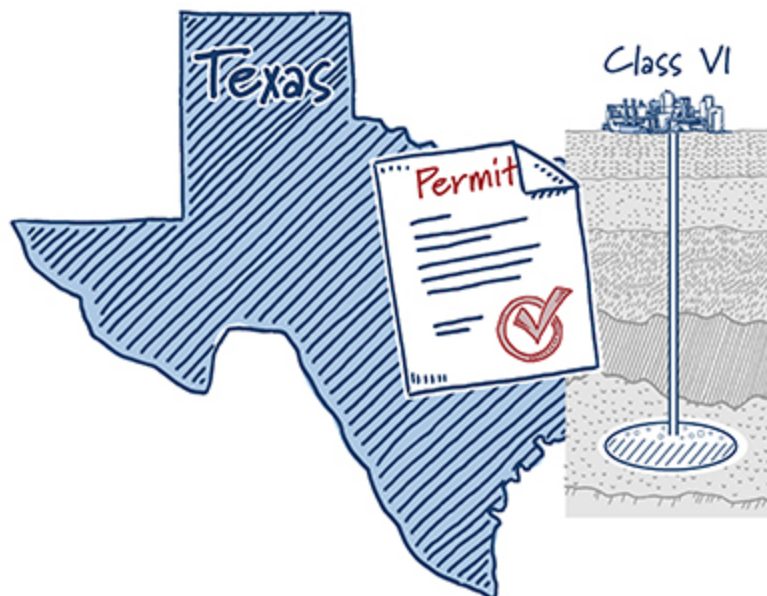
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Happy Friday!

1. Texas granted Class VI primacy



The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) **approved** Texas' Class VI primacy application, allowing the state to oversee permit approvals for carbon storage wells.

Texas is the sixth state authorized to administer its own Class VI well permitting program, joining North Dakota, Wyoming, Louisiana, West Virginia and Arizona.

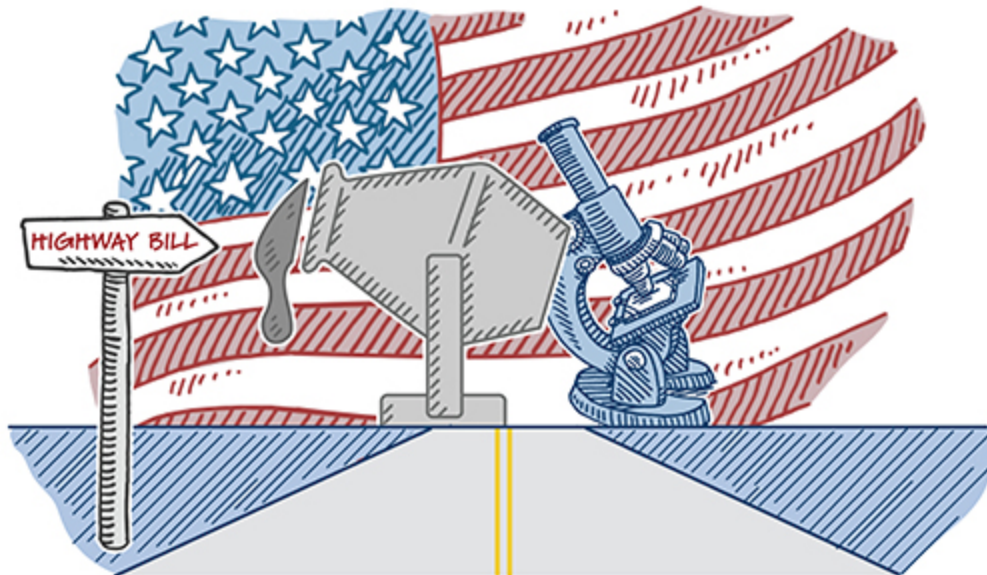
Class VI primacy is:

- An effective tool for streamlining the permitting process for Class VI wells – enabling states to efficiently review and approve carbon storage permits; and
- Key for unlocking carbon storage infrastructure and deploying carbon management technologies broadly.

What's clear: The Trump administration is committed to streamlining the permitting process for carbon storage infrastructure. Nearly one-quarter of Class VI permits under EPA's review are from Texas, and this move will reduce the agency's permitting backlog. With eight Class VI primacy applications currently in the queue, the EPA has an opportunity to continue to support the efficient and timely build-out of critical energy infrastructure.

Plug in: [Check out](#) ClearPath's blog on how to unlock carbon storage wells.

2. Driving American innovation in the Surface Transportation bill



Reauthorizing the Surface Transportation Bill, also known as the Highway Bill, is a major opportunity to modernize U.S. infrastructure and keep pace with rapidly growing demand from AI-driven data centers and nationwide construction needs.

September 2026 marks the deadline to reauthorize the surface transportation titles that were included in the 2021 [Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act](#).

Reauthorization offers a chance to:

- Drive innovation at state-level Departments of Transportation by encouraging performance-based specifications that reward engineering performance rather

than prescriptive material rules; and

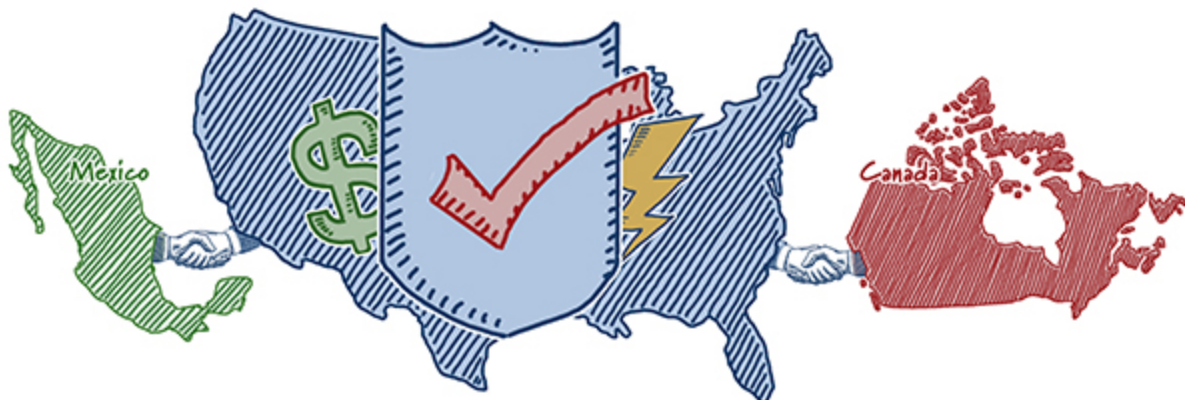
- Strengthen domestic manufacturing by creating demand certainty for advanced cement, concrete and asphalt production, reducing import reliance and boosting supply chain resilience.

Bipartisan proposals such as the **Concrete and Asphalt Innovation Act** (S.1067), co-sponsored by Sens. Thom Tillis (R-NC) and Chris Coons (D-DE), and its companion bill, the **IMPACT Act 2.0** (H.R.2122), co-sponsored by Reps. Max Miller (R-OH) and Valerie Foushee (D-NC) would help states take advantage of these opportunities, cut costs and accelerate project delivery.

What's clear: Reauthorizing the Surface Transportation Bill is an opportunity to unleash American innovation, support domestic industry and deliver faster, more durable and more efficient infrastructure.

Plug in: Read **Rafae Ghani's** new blog on driving American innovation in the bill, [here](#).

3. USMCA turns five: Securing America's energy and economic edge



As the first joint review of the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA) approaches, policymakers have an opportunity to preserve what works and build on USMCA's strengths, reaffirming transparency, regulatory alignment and energy security as key drivers of U.S. competitiveness.

The USMCA continues to strengthen North America's energy and industrial competitiveness. Since its signing, USMCA has provided a predictable framework that supports cross-border investment, critical mineral supply chains and energy infrastructure, from advanced nuclear to pipelines and transmission lines.

What's clear: USMCA remains one of America's strongest economic and energy frameworks, locking in fair market-driven rules that keep North America competitive and secure.

Plug in: Read **Justin Williams** and **Nick Lombardo's** new blog, USMCA turns Five: Securing America's Energy and Economic Edge [here](#).

4. Expanding U.S. LNG leadership



This week, Venture Global signed three long-term liquefied natural gas (LNG) sales and purchase agreements with [Japan's Mitsui & Co.](#), [Spain's Naturgy](#) and [Greece's Atlantic-SEE](#). Combined, these agreements represent the purchase of a minimum of 2.5 million tons per annum of LNG.

These deals will:

- Strengthen energy trade between the U.S. and other countries, supporting global energy security and American energy dominance; and
- Help meet growing demand for reliable and clean U.S.-produced LNG.

What's clear: U.S. LNG exports are the blueprint for global energy leadership, security and emission reductions.

Plug in: Check out ClearPath's [blog](#) on how to leverage U.S. LNG as a critical energy security and emission reduction tool.

5. The Circuit



Natalie Houghtalen spoke on the Shovels in the Ground for New Nuclear panel at the NARUC conference in Seattle, WA.

Nicholas McMurray spoke on a panel exploring efforts to right-size environmental reviews for new reactors at the American Nuclear Society's Winter Conference in Washington, D.C.



6. ICYMI

- Bimerger Energy has partnered with Eos Energy to advance **long-duration battery storage projects**. Backed by \$250 million in new capital, the collaboration aims to strengthen grid reliability and U.S. energy security through domestically manufactured storage technology.
 - Oklo received U.S. DOE approval for its **Nuclear Safety Design Agreement** at the Aurora Fuel Fabrication Facility in Idaho, which is participating in DOE's Advanced Nuclear Fuel Line Pilot Projects. The approval will help demonstrate a new authorization pathway for advanced fuel production and underscores Oklo's role in expanding U.S. nuclear capacity and energy security.
 - New York and New Jersey approved permits for the **Northeast Supply Enhancement (NESE) pipeline project**. The project would build a 24-mile natural gas pipeline from New Jersey to New York.
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