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## Breaking News

GEI's Dan Byers made the following comment on President Trump's Executive Memorandum on EPA [air quality standards](#):

Today's presidential directive contains commonsense reforms that will improve the air quality regulatory process so domestic manufacturing and job creation face fewer regulatory barriers. The EPA, states, and businesses have a long track record of working cooperatively to improve air quality across the nation. Unfortunately, during the previous administration, that cooperation was abandoned in favor of an overly aggressive approach that unfairly burdened state and local economies. This made it more difficult and costly to obtain permits for badly needed infrastructure, energy, and manufacturing activities. The measures in today's directive will restore the cooperation necessary for continued environmental progress while enhancing the competitiveness of U.S. industry. We look forward to working with EPA as it executes this directive.

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## Karen Harbert Featured in BIC Magazine

Karen was featured in *BIC Magazine*, North America's largest news source on petrochemical projects and expansions, where she discussed the impact of oil and gas regulations, and the importance of understanding American energy issues. Read the [article here](#).

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## Christopher Guith on Bipartisan Policy Center's Podcast

GEI's Christopher Guith recently joined Brad Townsend of the Bipartisan Policy Center's American Energy Innovation Council on a [podcast](#) to discuss U.S. competitiveness, technology and innovation, and what to expect in the next generation of energy. Listen to the full podcast on the [U.S. Chamber website](#). Below is a Q&A excerpt from the podcast.

**On the current landscape of U.S. competitiveness in long-range global energy technology markets:**

If you look at the broadest sense of the question, things are really, really good right now. The trends are going in the right direction, which is to say, first and foremost, the passage of the tax reform legislation has started the process of allowing significant amounts of capital to flow into things like R&D.

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## U.S. Chamber Praises "One Federal Decision" MOU

In an effort to streamline infrastructure permitting, the White House issued the "One Federal Decision" memorandum of understanding to ensure America's infrastructure projects aren't bureaucratically delayed while still ensuring our air and water are protected. In case you missed it, below is the U.S Chamber's statement.

The U.S. Chamber has taken a leading role for years in the effort to streamline the permitting process. Bringing infrastructure projects to completion quickly and efficiently is critical for generating economic growth, which is why we made permit streamlining a cornerstone of our infrastructure plan. Simply put, it shouldn't take longer to approve a project than to build it. Environmental reviews are crucial to ensuring clean air and water, but it's possible and necessary for the reviews to be completed in a more timely manner. We welcome the administration's commitment to One Federal Decision and applaud it as a much-needed step in the process to modernize America's infrastructure. We're eager to see more of this kind of reform-minded progress from the administration and Congress in the weeks and months to come.

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