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**NUCA Statement On House Introduction of
Permitting Reform Legislation Package**
*Utility Contractor Association Supports Legislation Clarifying
Federal Permit Review Process*

(Fairfax, Va.) -- The chief executive officer of the National Utility Contractors Association (NUCA), Doug Carlson, issued the following statement about the introduction by House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee members of five crucial bills clarifying permit review processes by government agencies:

"Fixing the broken permitting process used to build our nation's infrastructure projects should be a top priority for Congress. Too many of our industry's projects run into seemingly endless delays caused by uncertain timelines, driving up costs. The reform package introduced by the Transportation and Infrastructure committee majority will streamline the federal permitting process and deliver predictability to a project's timelines."

"All of this legislation should lead to a streamlined federal permitting process, which our industry recognizes is in dire need of reform. Without permitting reform, our members won't be able to meet project timelines and goals derived from recent federal infrastructure investments if Congress does not fix the permitting process."

"NUCA believe that these bills can build the foundation for final legislation that will be satisfactory to all stakeholders and meet the needs of American utility infrastructure."

"NUCA and our members strongly support House and Senate action on permitting reform legislation and urge passage of a strong and bipartisan permitting reform package as soon as possible."

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About The National Utility Contractors Association (NUCA)

Founded in 1964, the National Utility Contractors Association represents over 2,000 U.S. utility and excavation contractors, manufacturers, and suppliers who provide the materials and

workforce to build and maintain our nation's intricate network of water, sewer, gas, telecommunications, and electric infrastructure. NUCA is found online at www.nuca.com, and can be followed on Twitter at **@NUCA_National**. The association's Twitter hashtags are #WeDigAmerica and #NUCAdigs.