

ENROLLED ACT NO. 46, SENATE

SIXTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING
2025 GENERAL SESSION

AN ACT relating to industrial development and siting; amending the deadline by which the director of the department of environmental quality must hold a hearing on industrial siting permit applications; amending deadlines to cure incomplete applications; amending deadlines for counties to hold hearings and reach decisions on permit applications for wind and solar projects; specifying applicability; and providing for an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:

Section 1. W.S. 18-5-506, 18-5-507(a) and 35-12-110(d) and (f)(intro) are amended to read:

18-5-506. Hearing and public comment.

Any board of county commissioners receiving an application to permit a facility shall hold a public hearing to consider public comment on the application no less than forty-five (45) days and not more than ~~sixty (60)~~ ninety (90) days after determining that the application is complete. The applicant may agree to extend the date by which a public hearing is held under this section. Written comment on the application shall be accepted by the board of county commissioners for not less than forty-five (45) days after determining that the application is complete.

18-5-507. Decision of the board; findings necessary.

(a) Within ~~forty-five (45)~~ sixty (60) days from the date of completion of the hearing required by W.S. 18-5-506, the board shall make complete findings, issue an opinion, render a decision upon the record either granting or denying the application and state whether or not the applicant has met the standards required by this article.

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The decision shall be subject to the remedies provided in W.S. 18-5-508. The board shall grant a permit if it determines that the proposed facility complies with all standards properly adopted by the board of county commissioners and the standards required by this article.

35-12-110. Service of notice of application; information and recommendations; application deficiencies; procedure; jurisdiction; hearing.

(d) On receipt of an application, the director shall conduct a review of the application to determine if it contains all the information required by W.S. 35-12-109 and the rules and regulations. If the director determines that the application is incomplete, he shall within thirty (30) days of receipt of the application notify the applicant of the specific deficiencies in the application. The applicant shall provide the additional information necessary within ~~thirty (30)~~ forty-five (45) days of a receipt of a request for additional information from the director.

(f) Not more than ~~ninety (90)~~ one hundred twenty (120) days after receipt of an application for a permit, the director shall:

Section 2. This act shall apply to all applications for permits submitted under the Industrial Development Information and Siting Act and under W.S. 18-5-501 through 18-5-513 on and after January 1, 2026.

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Section 3. This act is effective January 1, 2026.

(END)

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Governor

TIME APPROVED: _____

DATE APPROVED: _____

I hereby certify that this act originated in the Senate.

Chief Clerk