

GGG Pipeline Navigator

The GGS Pipeline Navigator Service provides expert strategic advice and government relations assistance to secure permit approvals for pipelines and complex energy infrastructure projects.

While the Trump administration is directionally positive on pipeline permitting, the reality is that the NEPA process remains unchanged, Federal permitting still relies on obtaining State and multiple agency approvals and Federal processes for deconflicting multiple agency approval are still nascent. Stakeholder challenges at the local level are rising in number and intensity. Unexpected delays can undermine and frustrate the entire project team.

GGG Pipeline Navigator Service provides a unique service in helping companies (and their legal and government relations teams) accelerate approval and reduce litigation risk by:

- Building relationships of trust with Federal and State regulators
- Crafting “bottom up” permitting strategies to use state level approvals to avoid litigation at the Federal level
- Mapping stakeholder concerns, planning early to address them and supporting engagement with key nongovernmental organizations
- Leveraging FAST Act and Federal permitting coordination to deconflict multiple agency approvals
- Running “red team” exercises to anticipate and manage public perception issues
- Planning for and managing the release of public reports from the NEPA process

We believe early planning, trust building engagement strategies with regulators and much improved planning prior to the release of environmental reports, and coordinated but differentiated strategies for dealing with local and national stakeholders can avoid litigation and negative publicity and expedite multi-agency, multi-jurisdiction permitting approvals.

Your expert team includes David L. Goldwyn, President and founder of Goldwyn Global Strategies, LLC (GGS), an international energy consulting firm, and Keith J. Benes, GGS Senior Adviser and former Senior Attorney at the U.S. Department of State. David Goldwyn served as Special Envoy for International Energy Affairs at the Department of State (2009-11), Assistant Secretary of Energy for International Affairs (1999-2001) and has extensive experience crafting effective strategies and policy to manage risk, obtaining cross border oil pipeline and LNG export permit approvals. Keith J. Benes has over a decade of experience in managing, conducting, and litigating complex permitting processes at all levels of government and as a commercial litigator represented clients before State public utilities commissions as well as State and Federal courts. The team offers this service based on prior success in obtaining pipeline permits, LNG export permits, years of experience working with State and local utilities commissions, environmental agencies, land-use agencies, and tribal representatives.