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Protecting Pennsylvania Consumers from Data Center Impacts

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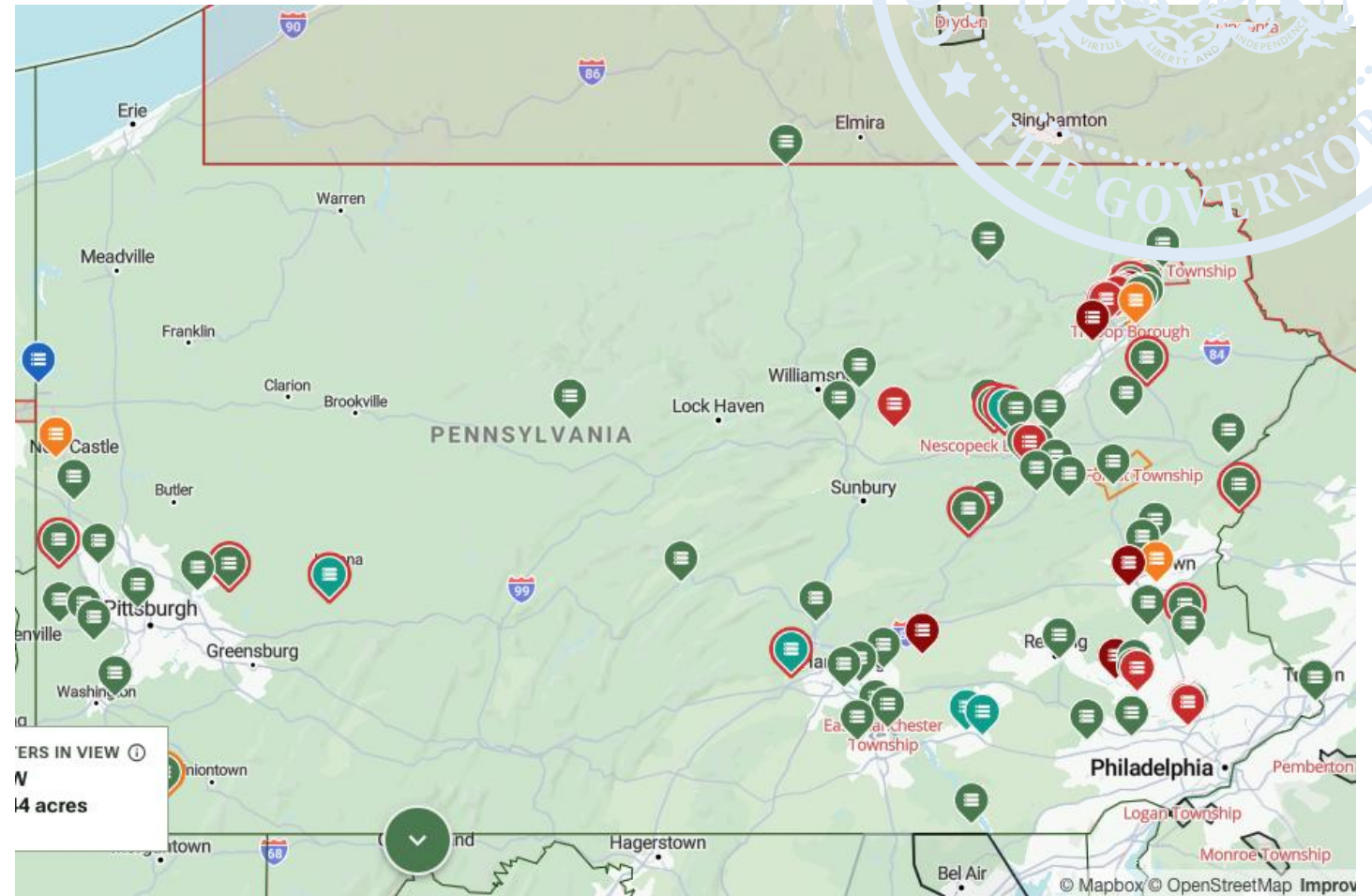
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By the Numbers

PA Data Centers

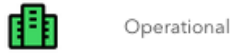
- Crowdsourced: 100+
- Unconfirmed: 55
- Active permitting: 17
- Permitted for Phase 1: 4



Map source: www.trackdatacenters.com/state/pennsylvania

Legend

PA Data Centers



Operational



DEP Review
Complete



Permits under
Review

Unconfirmed PA Data Centers

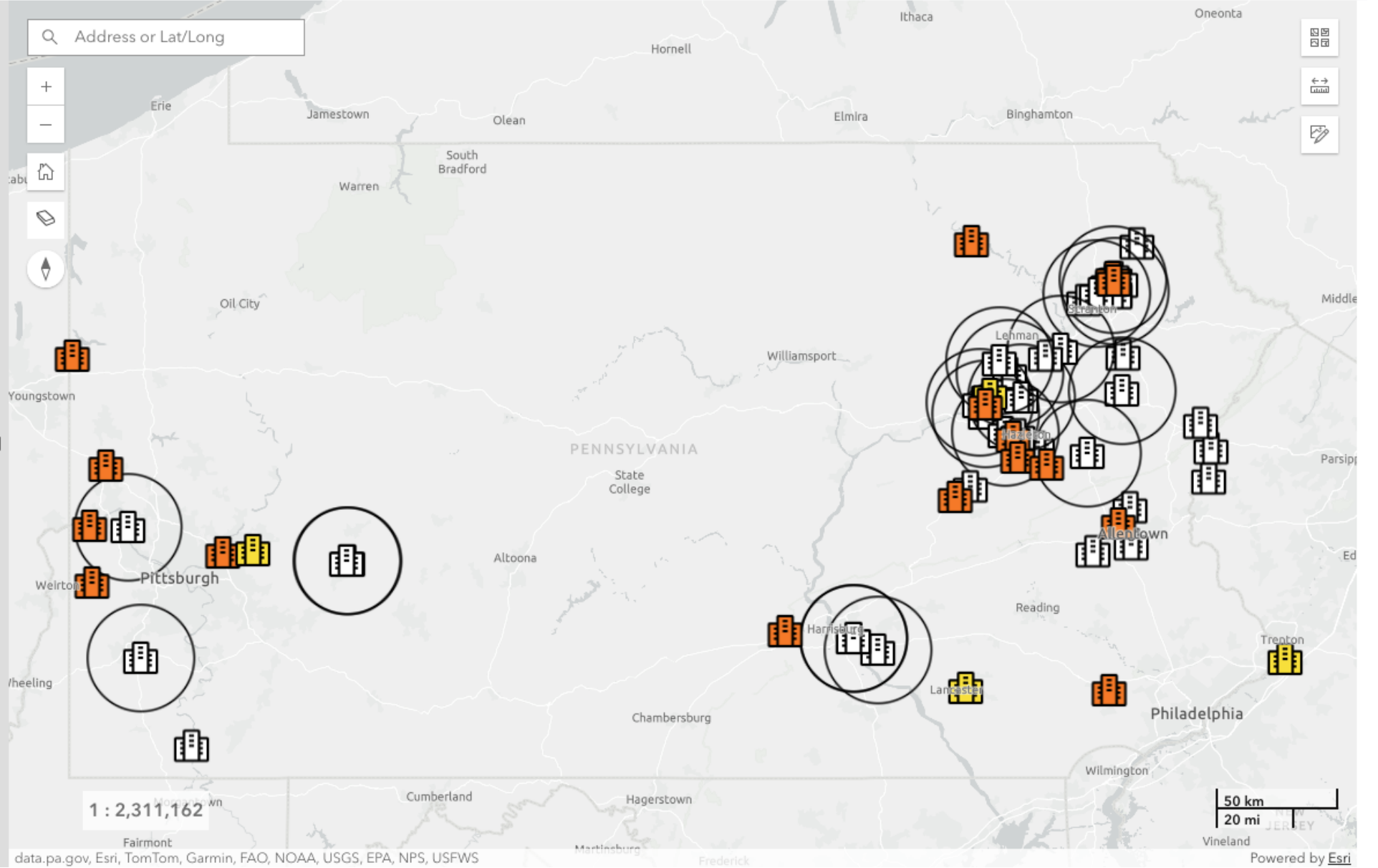


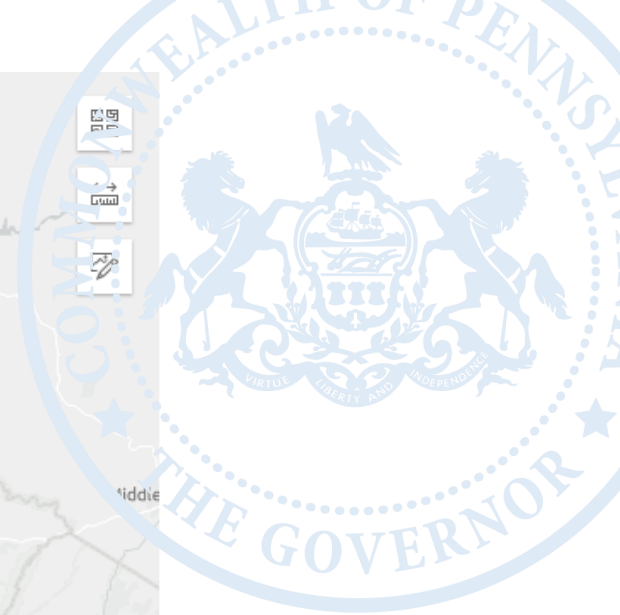
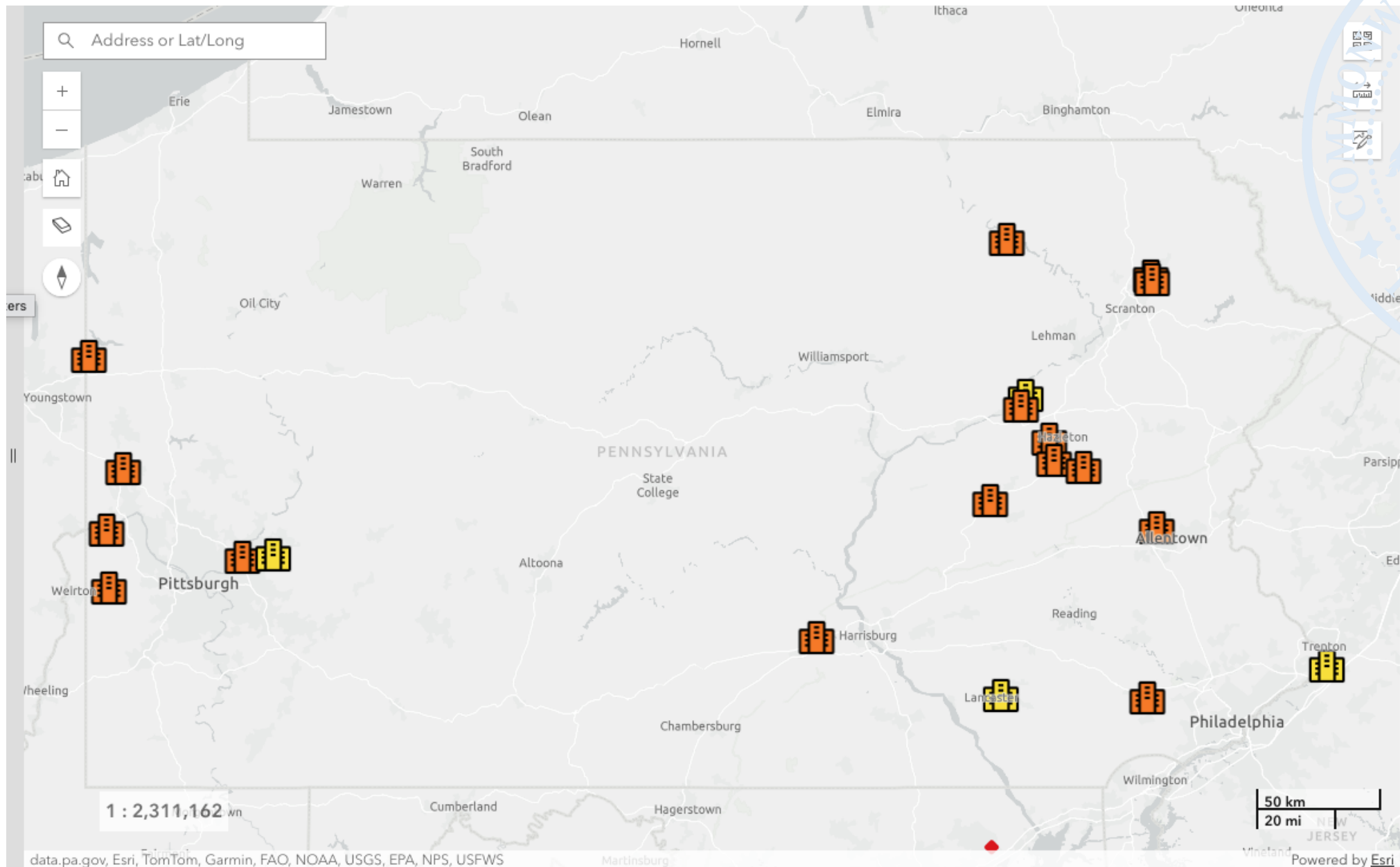
Unconfirmed:
Proposed Location
Known



Unconfirmed:
Approximate Location

Address or Lat/Long





Active permitting: 20, Permitted for Phase 1: 5

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“With this Executive Order, I’m putting developers on notice that we will not let them bully Pennsylvanians, disregard our constitutional right to clean air and pure water, or drive up our utility bills.”

–Governor Josh Shapiro

August 18, 2026

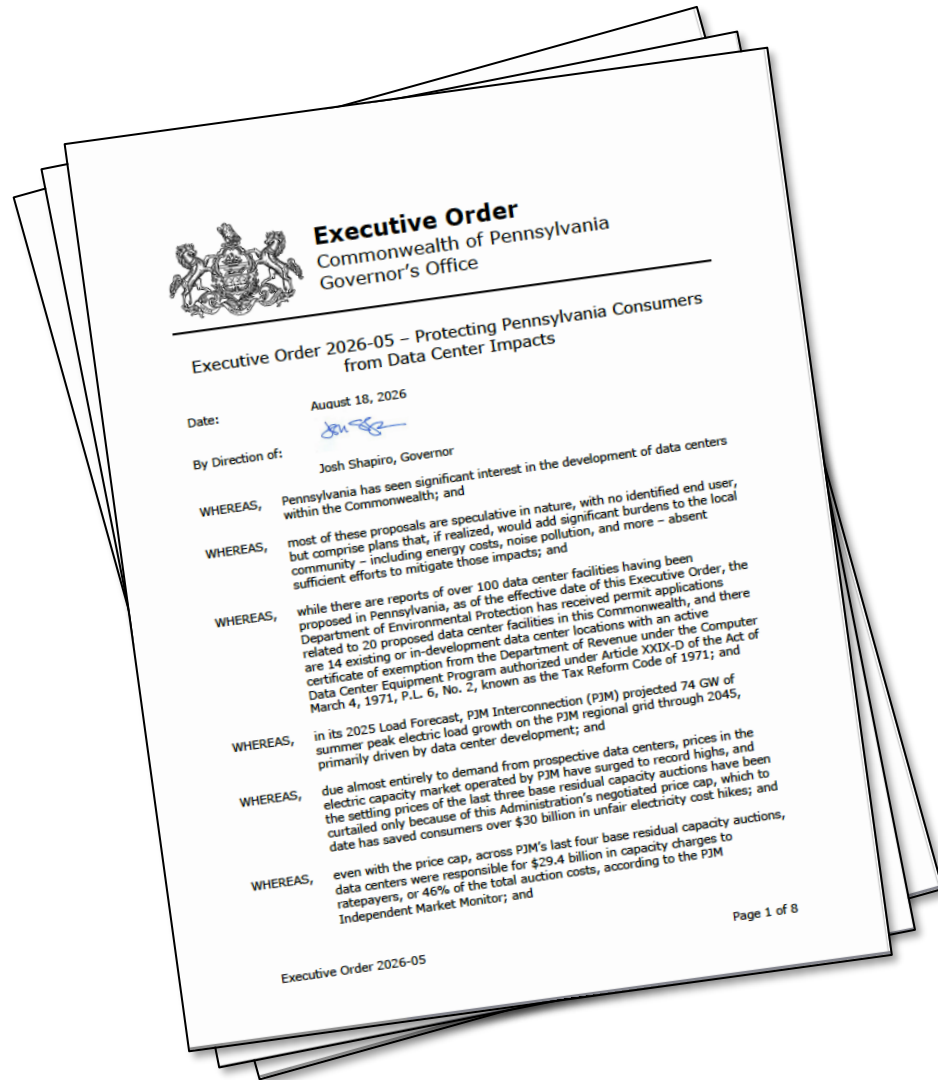


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- Establishes strictest guardrails for AI data center development in nation
- Applies to any permit submitted after that date
- Applies to any data center over 25MW
- Does *not* apply to related non-data center infrastructure



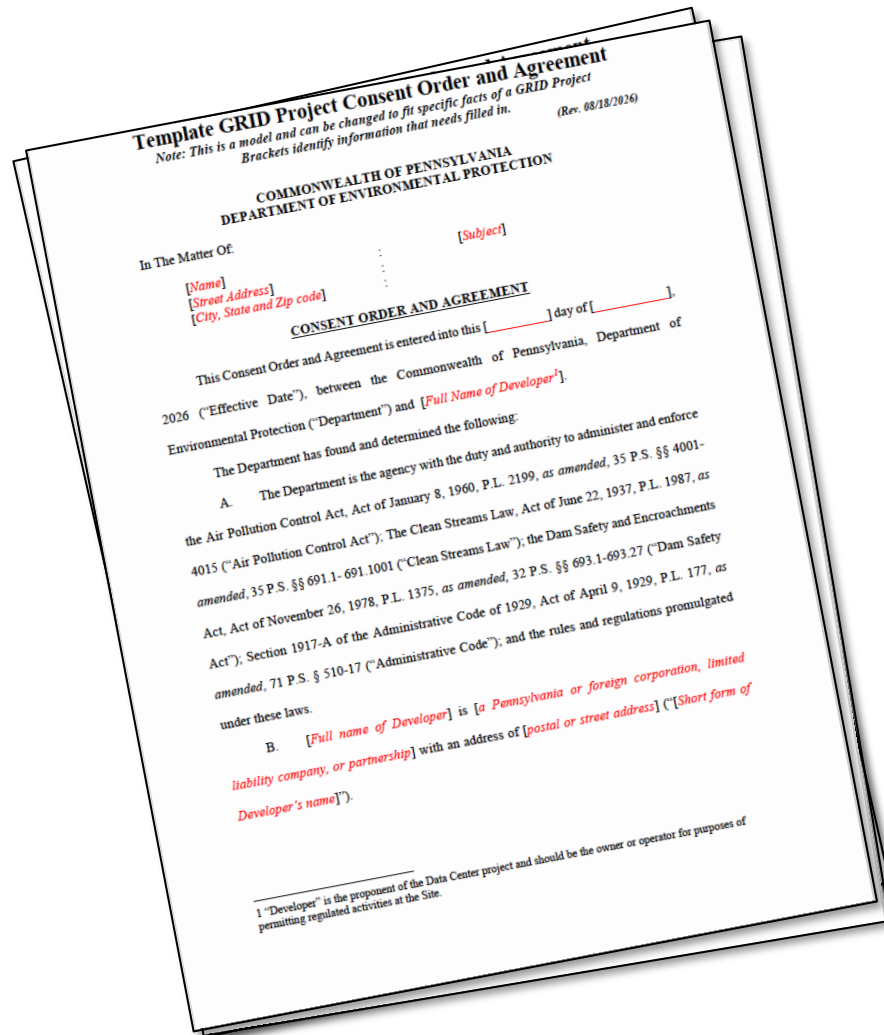
The Nuts and Bolts



- New DEP permit review process
 - Differs for GRID projects and non-GRID
- Local approval must precede permit issuance.
- No non-disclosure agreements
- Data center S&U exemption
- Working with the PUC



Consent Order and Agreement



- Legally enforceable
- Includes all GRID Requirements:
 - Pay the full cost of electricity generation, transmission, distribution
 - Transparent engagement with local residents and leaders
 - Local workers and community benefit agreements
 - Highest standards for environmental protection, including strict water conservation requirements.
- Some flexibility built in



Other Key Pieces

- DEP is **reviewing its regulations, and making recommendations** necessary to further protect Pennsylvania's environment and residents from data center impacts
- Data centers are **required to submit information on energy and water consumption**
- Department of Revenue **now requires agreement to follow the GRID Requirements** to receive the existing tax exemption
- All data center proposals have been **removed from the PA Permit Fast Track Program** and will not be considered for Fast Track in the future
- DCED is releasing **best practices on zoning standards and community benefit agreements**
- DEP has **created a publicly accessible map** containing all proposed data center projects in Pennsylvania that have engaged with DEP
- The Administration is engaging with the PUC to **ensure data center development does not shift energy costs onto Pennsylvania households and businesses** — and does not compromise the reliability of their electricity service



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***Location of Data Center Proposal (i.e. township, borough)**

0/100

***County**

***Does this proposal have the support of the local community?**

☐ Yes

☐ No

***Do local leaders (township, county commissioners or executives) support this project?**



www.pa.gov/governor/topics/data-centers

Questions or Further Feedback

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