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Local Government Regulation of Alternative Energy Projects

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What Is Unique About Alternative Energy?



- Privately Owned
- Limited Market for Energy
- Rural Locations
- Project Footprint



What Is Unique About Alternative Energy?



- Increase in Tax Base
- Employment Potential
- Infrastructure Development



Local Government Concerns



- Roads/Access/Traffic
- Land Use Impacts
- Noise
- Visual Impacts
- Conflicts with Mineral Development



Local Government Concerns



- Transmission Impacts
- Water
- Emergency Services/Safety
- Conflicts with Military Installations
- Recreation



Local Government Concerns



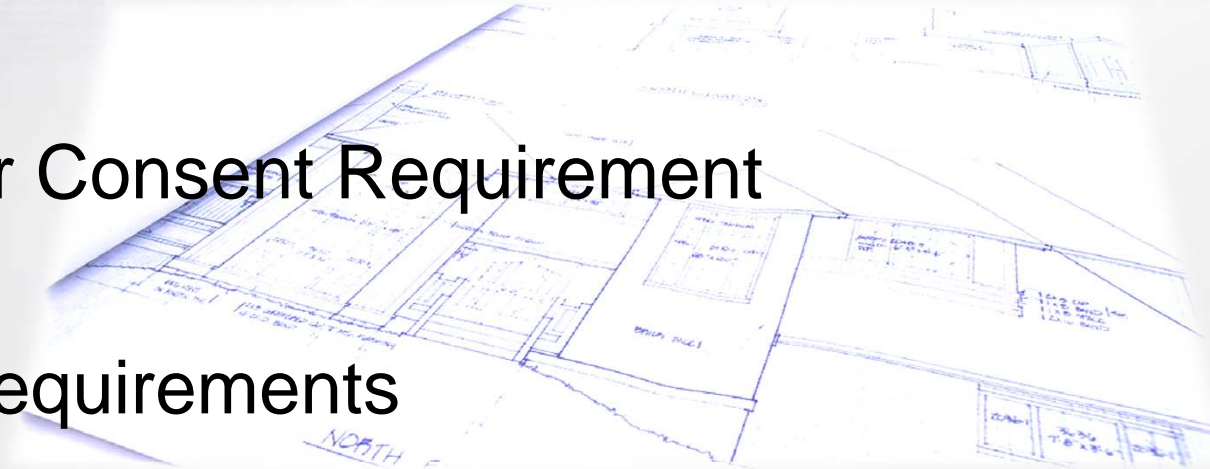
- Decommissioning
- Wildlife
- Aircraft Operations
- Microwave/Radar
- Other



Developer Concerns



- Procedural Clarity and Fairness
- Level of Detail at Time of Application
- Landowner Consent Requirement
- Security Requirements
- Financial Obligations



Developer Concerns



- Permit Life
- Other



How Are Projects Being Approved?



- Special/Conditional Use Permits
- 1041 Regulations
- Location and Extent Hearings
- Wind/Solar Regulations