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US Supreme Court's Wetlands Ruling May Speed Clean Energy, Transmission Projects

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Brooks Smith, a partner in Troutman Pepper's Environmental + Natural Resources Practice Group, was quoted in the June 7, 2023 *S&P Global Market Intelligence* article, "[US Supreme Court's Wetlands Ruling May Speed Clean Energy, Transmission Projects](#)."

Brooks Smith, a managing partner at Troutman Pepper Hamilton Sanders LLP, noted that obtaining a Clean Water Act permit typically comes before additional environmental reviews under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

"Especially for renewable projects, the water permitting may be the hook for ESA review and NEPA compliance," Smith said during the panel discussion. "From a developer's standpoint, that might be good."

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