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- DEQ developed a “permit by rule” to facilitate the review of small solar projects in Virginia; it became effective on July 18, 2012
- Since 2015, DEQ has issued 49 permits for projects over 5MW, impacting a total of almost 25,000 acres.
- An additional 61 new projects have been proposed, totaling an additional more than 38,000 acres.



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- Last September, Governor Northam signed Executive Order 43 with statewide clean energy goals, including:
 - 30 percent of Virginia's electric system powered by renewable sources by 2030
 - 100 percent of electricity from carbon-free sources by 2050.
- Virginia Clean Economy Act:
 - Utilities must use 100% renewables by 2045

DEQ Map of Existing and Proposed Renewable Energy Projects

