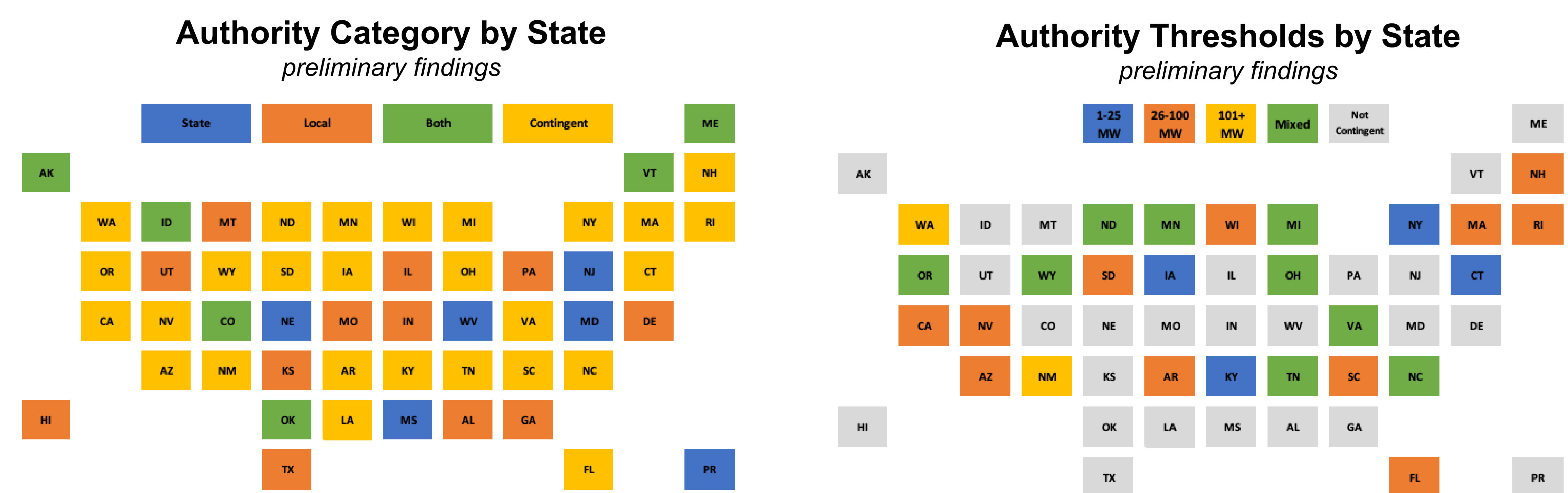


The first nationwide catalogue of state siting policies is finally here.

Laws in Order: An Inventory of State Siting Policies

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Intro

Clean energy infrastructure siting and permitting policies are a key institutional enabler or barrier to renewable deployment. However, there is no comprehensive inventory of state siting policies and little analysis of their effect on project deployment, community acceptance, or environmental protection.

Methods

Clean Air Task Force (CATF), in partnership with the Department of Energy’s Office Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (DOE EERE), Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory (LBNL), the Regulatory Assistance Project (RAP), Consensus Building Institute (CBI), and American Clean Power (ACP) is creating the first-ever inventory of siting policies in all 50 states plus Puerto Rico.

Project partners are comprehensively cataloguing and describing each state’s utility-scale solar and onshore wind siting policies to better understand their key features.

Results

The project catalogues the level of governmental authority primarily responsible for siting wind and solar projects in each state, as well as any thresholds that determine authority and control over siting standards. We also captured the entities in each state with jurisdiction over siting, identified public engagement requirements, and noted the presence of model ordinances.

The project also provides “snapshots” of the permitting authorities and requirements for siting renewables in all 50 states plus Puerto Rico.

State Snapshots

< State Name >

Authority Category

Contingent

Contingency Value

75 MW

Public Engagement

Required

State Authority Entity

Siting Coordination Office

What’s Next

The project partners plan to publish our findings in a report to be released early April. The report will be followed by a webinar and, eventually, the launch of an interactive siting authority tool hosted by DOE EERE.

Additionally, CATF, along with TNC, NRDC, and E3, are assessing siting policy implementation in eight key states – through quantitative and qualitative analyses – to identify recommendations for improvements.

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