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Brooks Pierce partner Alexander Elkan recently wrote an article for *Business NC* focusing on strategic issues for businesses to consider when siting and developing facilities that require environmental permits.

Elkan identifies eight elements for businesses to keep in mind for environmental permitting: team composition, scoping and planning, communications, regulators and regulations, rulemaking, variances and litigation, permit review, compliance and renewal and defending against permit-challenge litigation.

“It is important to consider not only the technical scientific, engineering and regulatory context of environmental permitting for a project or facility but also to strategize in light of political, legal and public-relations matters, and in anticipation of potential litigation to challenge government regulatory interpretations and to defend permits once obtained,” Elkan wrote.

The full article is available [here](#).