



## News & Insights

### **Denver Environmental Law Attorney Joel Johnston in the Denver Gazette - Signaling acceptance, Colorado governor adds nuclear to 'clean' energy sources**

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“Since nuclear energy projects are not prohibited under current Colorado law, I expect the net effects of the passage of HB-1040 to be mostly focused on increased funding opportunities for nuclear projects in Colorado and a corresponding reduction in available incentives for other clean energy technologies, such as wind and solar,” said Joel Johnston, a partner at environmental law firm Hall Estill in a statement. “The fact remains that long-term radioactive waste management is a huge ongoing issue for the nuclear power industry, which this bill does nothing to address.”

### Attorneys

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