

Sentinel Intelligence is a weekly opposition-intelligence service for energy and infrastructure development. Every brief translates the public record into a single disciplined **Op Score** on a 0.0–5.0 scale — calibrated against what opposition actually does, not how loud it sounds.

Five public channels. Organized support tracked on its own axis. Every signal cited.

01 THE SCORE

DORMANT	LOW	ELEVATED	HIGH	CRITICAL
0.0–0.9	1.0–1.9	2.0–2.9	3.0–3.9	4.0–5.0
No organized opposition. The project is quiet.	Informal or ad-hoc opposition forming. Limited coordination.	Organized local opposition emerging. Worth active attention.	Active, professional opposition, or a legal filing on record.	National-scale opposition, a project halt, or an adverse ruling.

Score confidence. Every weekly score carries a confidence tag — **high** / **medium** / **low** — reflecting how complete that week's monitoring coverage was. A “2.3 Elevated — high confidence” reads differently from the same score at low confidence. The reliability of the read travels with the number.

02 FIVE PUBLIC CHANNELS

INDICATOR 01 Organizational Capacity Opposition organizations present on the project, tiered by scale and litigation history. Distinguishes activated capacity from paper presence.	INDICATOR 02 Media Amplification Coverage across national, regional, and local outlets, scored on outlet tier and narrative frame. Ambiguously attributed coverage is discounted.	INDICATOR 03 Political & Institutional Elected officials, agency postures, tribal signals, and a client-configured regulatory watchlist. Formal opposition distinguished from procedural inquiry.	INDICATOR 04 Public Engagement From docket comments (highest commitment cost) to ambient social (lowest). Local prioritized over imported; null results reported, not omitted.	INDICATOR 05 Named Actors Individuals on record against the project, tiered by credential from litigation counsel and former regulators through anonymous commenters. Prior-win record tracked.
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03 WHAT MOVES THE SCORE

LEGAL

COUNSEL	Attorney engaged on behalf of opposition.
RECORDS	Public-records or information request filed.
CHALLENGE	Formal administrative challenge underway: protest, notice of intent, intervention.
FILING	Litigation filed and on the record — reads High .
RULING	Adverse ruling on the merits — the ceiling of the scale.

INSTITUTIONAL

PRE-VOTE	Decision-body members or advisory bodies oppose the project prior to vote.
HALT / DENIAL	A project halt, or a formal denial by the agency or commission with final authority — reads Critical .

These signals set a floor under the score, not a ceiling. If the broader evidence is stronger, the stronger number governs. A litigation filing reads High; a project halt, denial, or adverse ruling reads Critical. Floors lift when the underlying condition resolves, at which point a fresh read is run.

04 COUNTER-MOBILIZATION — PARALLEL AXIS

STANDALONE Support is reported, not netted.	Organized project support — endorsements, defender-side hearing turnout, industry voices, formal letters of support — is tracked on its own axis. It does <i>not</i> reduce the opposition score. The political picture requires both numbers visible: threat and counterweight. A defender lane forming locally is intelligence in its own right, and it appears in the brief whether or not the opposition number moves.
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05 WHY IT HOLDS UP

All Public Data Every input from public filings, media, social posts, and records. No private intelligence. Every signal carries outlet, date, and URL.	Peer-Reviewed Foundations Indicators map to established political-science literature — resource mobilization, veto players, collective action. Answerable to committees, counsel, and regulators.	Null Results Reported A quiet week is a quiet week, not a gap in the file. Briefs state what was searched and where nothing was found.
Governing Component Named Every brief names what is driving the number: a composite of indicators, a legal escalation, or an institutional posture. Nothing about the source is hidden.	Ambiguity Scored Down Between two bands, Sentinel takes the lower. Between ambiguous and attributed coverage, the attributed. The score earns its reading.	14-Point Quality Gate Source citation, null handling, tier translation, counter-mobilization placement, and additional structural checks clear before any brief is released.