AI & Data Usage Disclosure

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This AI & Data Usage Disclosure Policy explains how PermitScout.com collects and processes data, how artificial intelligence and automated technologies are used to power the platform, the limitations of AI-generated content, and your responsibilities when relying on it. It supplements, and should be read together with, our Terms of Service and Privacy Policy.

1. Purpose

PermitScout.com ("PermitScout," "Company," "we," "our," or "us") utilizes data analytics, automation, artificial intelligence ("AI"), machine learning, predictive models, and other computational technologies to provide permit intelligence, opportunity discovery, lead intelligence, and business insights.

This AI & Data Usage Disclosure Policy is intended to explain:

- How data is collected and processed
- How AI technologies are utilized
- The limitations of AI-generated content
- User responsibilities
- Data sourcing practices
- Risks associated with automated analysis

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2. What PermitScout Does

PermitScout is a business intelligence platform designed to help contractors, suppliers, builders, developers, service providers, and other businesses identify and evaluate construction-related opportunities.

PermitScout may:

- Monitor permit activity
- Aggregate permit records
- Track project activity
- Generate lead recommendations
- Rank opportunities
- Estimate project values
- Classify permit types
- Generate summaries
- Recommend business actions
- Provide contact information
- Deliver notifications and alerts
- Produce market intelligence

Many of these functions may involve AI-assisted processing.

3. Data Sources

PermitScout may collect, aggregate, analyze, or display information from:

Public Sources

- Municipal permit portals

- County records
- State databases
- Property records
- Government websites
- Public filings
- Open-data platforms

Commercial Sources

- Contact enrichment providers
- Property intelligence providers
- Business data providers
- Industry databases
- Third-party analytics providers

User-Provided Sources

- CRM systems
- User uploads
- API integrations
- Contact records
- Internal business information

Other Sources

- Licensed datasets
- Publicly available websites
- Authorized third-party feeds

PermitScout does not control the accuracy, availability, or maintenance of these sources.

4. How AI Is Used

PermitScout may utilize:

- Large Language Models (LLMs)
- Machine Learning Systems
- Statistical Models
- Predictive Analytics
- Automated Classification Systems
- Recommendation Engines
- Natural Language Processing
- Data Matching Technologies

These technologies may be used to:

- Analyze permits
- Rank opportunities
- Score leads
- Generate summaries
- Estimate project values
- Classify projects
- Detect patterns
- Generate business recommendations
- Improve user experience
- Automate workflows

5. AI Outputs Are Estimates and Opinions

AI-generated outputs should be viewed as informational tools and not factual determinations.

AI-generated outputs may include:

- Lead scores
- Opportunity scores
- Project value estimates
- Project classifications
- Business recommendations
- Contact recommendations
- Market insights
- Automated summaries

These outputs are generated using algorithms, statistical models, and available data.

They are inherently predictive and probabilistic.

AI-generated outputs:

- May be inaccurate
- May be incomplete
- May be outdated
- May contain errors
- May rely on incorrect source data

Users are solely responsible for independently verifying information before acting upon it.

6. No Professional Advice

PermitScout does not provide:

- Legal advice
- Financial advice
- Tax advice
- Engineering advice
- Construction advice
- Business consulting advice
- Real estate advice

Any recommendations, estimates, rankings, or analyses generated by the platform are provided for informational purposes only.

Users should consult qualified professionals before making business decisions.

7. No Guarantee of Business Results

PermitScout does not guarantee:

- Lead quality
- Lead conversion
- Revenue generation
- Sales growth
- Customer acquisition
- Project awards
- Bid success
- Business performance

Users acknowledge that business outcomes depend upon numerous factors beyond PermitScout's control.

8. Data Accuracy Disclaimer

PermitScout relies on information obtained from external sources.

External data may contain:

- Errors
- Omissions
- Delays
- Duplicate records
- Incomplete information
- Outdated information

PermitScout does not warrant that any data displayed within the platform is accurate, complete, current, or suitable for any purpose.

9. Contact Enrichment Disclosure

PermitScout may supplement records using information obtained from third-party providers.

This may include:

- Email addresses
- Telephone numbers
- Company information
- Ownership information
- Professional information

PermitScout does not verify every enriched record.

Users acknowledge that:

- Contact information may be inaccurate.
- Contact information may become outdated.
- Ownership information may change.
- Individuals may no longer be associated with a project.

Users are responsible for verifying contact information prior to use.

10. Automated Decision Support

PermitScout may provide rankings, scores, classifications, or recommendations.

These features are intended to support decision-making.

They are not intended to replace human judgment.

Users remain solely responsible for:

- Prospecting decisions
- Sales activities
- Marketing campaigns
- Business strategy
- Resource allocation
- Contracting decisions

11. User Data Processing

Information submitted by users may be processed to:

- Deliver Services
- Improve platform functionality
- Generate analytics
- Train internal models
- Improve recommendations
- Detect fraud
- Enhance system performance

PermitScout may utilize aggregated and de-identified information for product development and system improvement.

PermitScout will not intentionally disclose confidential customer data except as described in the Privacy Policy.

12. Model Training and System Improvement

PermitScout may use aggregated, anonymized, or de-identified information to:

- Improve AI systems
- Improve scoring models
- Improve recommendation engines
- Improve product performance
- Conduct internal research

PermitScout will make reasonable efforts to avoid using personally identifiable information in model training where not necessary.

13. Third-Party AI Providers

PermitScout may utilize third-party AI providers to power certain platform features.

Such providers may include:

- Large language model providers
- Machine learning providers
- Data enrichment providers
- Analytics providers
- Cloud infrastructure providers

PermitScout does not control the internal operation of third-party AI systems.

Users acknowledge that information may be processed through third-party technologies in accordance with applicable agreements and privacy practices.

14. Bias, Limitations, and Model Risk

AI systems are subject to limitations.

AI-generated outputs may reflect:

- Incomplete data
- Statistical assumptions
- Historical patterns
- Modeling limitations
- Classification errors
- Prediction errors

PermitScout does not represent that AI-generated outputs are unbiased, error-free, or universally applicable.

Human review remains essential.

15. User Responsibilities

Users agree to:

- Verify important information
- Use independent judgment
- Comply with applicable laws
- Review recommendations critically
- Evaluate opportunities before acting

Users shall not rely exclusively on AI-generated outputs when making material business decisions.

16. Acceptable Use of Data

Users may not:

- Resell platform data without authorization
- Create competing databases using PermitScout data
- Reverse engineer AI systems
- Attempt to extract proprietary models
- Use data in violation of applicable laws
- Conduct unlawful marketing activities
- Use platform outputs for discriminatory purposes

PermitScout reserves the right to suspend accounts engaging in prohibited activities.

17. Future AI Features

PermitScout may introduce new AI-powered capabilities, including:

- Predictive forecasting
- Opportunity recommendations
- Workflow automation
- Conversational assistants
- Autonomous research agents
- Advanced analytics

Use of future AI features will remain subject to this Policy unless otherwise disclosed.

18. Limitation of Liability

To the maximum extent permitted by law, PermitScout shall not be liable for decisions, actions, losses, damages, or business outcomes arising from:

- AI-generated content
- Permit data
- Lead intelligence
- Contact enrichment
- Automated recommendations
- Third-party data
- Predictive models
- Classification systems

Users assume all risk associated with reliance upon platform outputs.

19. Changes to This Policy

PermitScout may revise this Policy at any time.

Updates become effective upon posting.

Continued use of the Services constitutes acceptance of the revised Policy.

20. Contact Information

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BY USING PERMITSCOUT.COM, YOU ACKNOWLEDGE THAT YOU UNDERSTAND THE NATURE OF AI-ASSISTED SYSTEMS, THE LIMITATIONS OF AUTOMATED ANALYSIS, AND YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO INDEPENDENTLY EVALUATE INFORMATION BEFORE RELYING UPON IT.