

# ANR PERMIT PROCESS IMPROVEMENT/S. 123

## MODIFICATIONS TO PERMIT PROCESS

- Require pre-application public participation for large or complex permit applications.
- Require notice of the application on all permits except emergency permits.
- Provide interested persons (other than the applicant) an opportunity to provide expert or detailed opinion to ANR technical staff prior to public comment period.
- Require administrative records for all DEC acts or decisions.
- Require fact sheets for all individual permits.

## MODIFICATIONS TO NOTICE PROCESS

- Requires ANR to develop one web-based portal that is searchable for projects that are on notice.
- Searchable by project name; permit type (e.g. stormwater); or geographic location.
- Would allow interested persons to create a "subscription service" and receive an e-mail notification when key project milestones take place.
- Key documents would be posted with notice in web portal.
- Takes existing 85 notice and comment processes and consolidates to 5 processes.
- Requires notice of application on most new notice processes to increase early notice and participation.
- Maximizes the use of electronic media for notice to the public.
- Creates two standardized notice periods – 30 days for major permits, 10 days for minor permits. Allows emergency permits to be issued without notice.
- Allows ANR to coordinate permit notice periods and hold combined public hearings where there is a benefit to the public in having a consolidated process.

## APPEALS TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL COURT

- Requirement to comment and participate in ANR permit process in order to appeal decision. Appeals limited to areas where the party commented.