Public Participation

MS4 Workshops – Pollutant Reduction and TMDL Stormwater Plans

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Objectives

1. Understand what you need to do for public participation
2. Understand what you need to submit to DEP

Why Should You Care?

If you don’t follow the correct procedure your plan will not be accepted
What Plans Are We Talking About?

Pollutant Reduction Plans and TMDL Plans

Public Participation Procedures

1. Make plan available for public review

2. Publish (at least 45 days prior to deadline) notice in a newspaper describing plan, where it may be reviewed and how long the comment period lasts

Public Participation Procedures

3. Accept comments from any interested member of the public at a public meeting or hearing

4. Consider and make record of the consideration of each timely comment received
Documentation

Attach to the plan the following:

- A copy of the public notice
- A copy of all written comments received
- A copy of the permittee's record of consideration

Summary

1. Public participation is a requirement for all plans

2. Steps are contained in the PRP Instructions document