

Office of Permit Coordination Mission Stakeholder Review

Under DEP's Transformation Plan, Commissioner Martin's vision includes a large role for the Office of Permit Coordination and Environmental Review. The Office performs two primary functions: we coordinate all NEPA and EO 215 Environmental (planning) Reviews for DEP and we perform Permit Coordination services for large complex projects needing permits from multiple programs at DEP. On the Permit Coordination side, our vision is that PCER would:

- 1) Be the primary manager/driver for several large cross- program projects at any given time
- 2) Provide a "One Stop"/single point of entry for a second tier of smaller cross- program projects where we will coordinate and facilitate multi program permits but not be primary manager/driver. Applicants will leave our process with confidence that there is no fatal flaw (early 'no' if needed), certainty they are in fact ready to submit permit applications (that no preliminary approvals like LOIs are needed or if so that they have been obtained), informal review and comment on their project by permit reviewers prior to submitting an application, identification of individual program contacts, and an approximate schedule for permit issuance assuming the submission of a good application.
- 3) Early, informal review and comment on 'ideas' or conceptual projects for less sophisticated applicants before they invest time and money into more detailed project design (looking for fatal flaws)- a general GIS overall site review to determine if it is worth it to further explore a project.
- 4) Identification of and resolution of initial/overarching policy or rule interpretation or process determinations by the Dept needed to move projects forward into the permit application process.

We want our Office to provide as much value to our constituents as possible and to effectively accomplish the above. To this end we will be seeking information from you in response to the below questions and would be interested in any additional information you'd like to share about the role our Office can play at DEP.

What are the functions you need PCER to perform?

What is a process we can use to most efficiently and effectively facilitate permit decisions across media lines?

How and when could PCER provide the most value to you?

How can PCER help you after your permit applications have been submitted?

What authority should PCER have to accomplish the above?

What other questions should we be asking?

To help us answer these questions and more, we are inviting you to participate in a PCER external stakeholder's meeting on December 16, 2010 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the 2nd Floor Large Conference Room at the 401 East State Street Building, Trenton, New Jersey.

Please let us know if you are able to participate. Please RSVP to Lucille.Santitoro@dep.state.nj.us. **Room space is limited and we are asking that only the invitees attend.**

This is not a public hearing, so no formal record of this meeting will be generated, beyond a record of those attending.

When you arrive, please sign in at the lobby and again in the meeting room.

Please call or email with any questions or comments.

Thank you.