

**4350.3000 DEFINITIONS.**

Subpart 1. **Scope.** The terms specified in subparts 2 to 16 shall have the following meanings for the purpose of these rules.

Subp. 2. **Agency.** "Agency" means a state department, commission, board, or other instrumentality of the state, however titled, or a local government unit or instrumentality if that local unit is acting within existing legal authority to grant or deny a permit that otherwise would be granted or denied by a state agency.

Subp. 3. **Board.** "Board" means the Minnesota Environmental Quality Board established pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 116C.03, formerly called the Minnesota Environmental Quality Council.

Subp. 3a. **Bureau.** "Bureau" means the Bureau of Business Licenses established pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, sections 116J.73 to 116J.76.

Subp. 4. **Coordination unit.** "Coordination unit" means the environmental permits coordination unit established pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 116C.25, to assist persons using the master application process.

Subp. 5. **Days.** "Days" in computing any period of time prescribed or allowed in these rules, the day the designated period of time begins shall not be included. The last day of the period shall be included, unless it is a Saturday, Sunday, or a legal holiday, in which case the period will extend until the end of the next day that is not a Saturday, a Sunday, or a legal holiday.

Subp. 6. **Environmental review process.** "Environmental review process" means any procedure for review established by the board pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 116D.04, subdivision 2a.

Subp. 7. **Administrative law judge.** "Administrative law judge" means an administrative law judge regularly appointed by the chief administrative law judge as provided for in Minnesota Statutes, sections 14.49 to 14.56.

Subp. 8. **Joint hearing.** "Joint hearing" means the optional hearing at which one or more agencies participate as herein described as a replacement for individual state agency hearings that may be held following each agency's separate permit review procedures.

Subp. 9. **Local government unit.** "Local government unit" means a county, city, town, or special district with legal authority to issue a permit.

Subp. 10. **Master application.** "Master application" means an application requesting the issuance of all state permits necessary for construction or operation of a project requiring more than one permit.

Subp. 11. **Participating agency.** "Participating agency" means an agency with one or more permit programs under its jurisdiction that are pertinent to a project for which a completed master application has been submitted to the coordination unit and which orders a hearing to be held pursuant to these rules.

Subp. 12. **Permit.** "Permit" means a license, permit, certificate, certification, approval, compliance schedule, or other similar document pertaining to a regulatory or management program related to the protection, conservation, or use of or interference with the natural resources of land, air, or water, which is required to be obtained from a state agency prior to constructing or operating a project in this state. Nothing in these rules shall relate to the granting of a proprietary interest in publicly owned property through a sale, lease, easement, use permit, license, or other conveyance.

Subp. 13. **Permit information center.** "Permit information center" means an office established to provide information to the public about the requirements of state and local government regulations concerning the use of natural resources and protection of the environment.

Subp. 14. **Person.** "Person" means an individual, an association, partnership, or cooperative, or a municipal, public, or private corporation, including but not limited to a state agency and a county.

Subp. 15. **Project.** "Project" means a new activity or an expansion of or addition to an existing activity, which is fixed in location and which requires permits from agencies prior to construction or operation, including but not limited to industrial and commercial operations and development.

Subp. 16. **Regional development commission.** "Regional development commission" means any regional development commission created pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, sections 462.381 to 462.396, and the Metropolitan Council created pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, chapter 473B.

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