

7001.0110 PUBLIC COMMENTS.

Subpart 1. **Submission of written comments.** During the public comment period established in the public notice of an agency permit, an interested person, including the applicant, may submit written comments on the application or on the draft permit. If the subject of the draft permit and public notice is the modification of a permit, these comments must be limited to the portion of the permit proposed to be modified. During the public comment period, the person may also submit a petition for a public informational meeting or a contested case hearing on the application. Petitions for an informational meeting must meet the requirements of part 7000.0650, subpart 4. Petitions for a contested case hearing must meet the requirements of part 7000.1800.

Subp. 2. **Contents of written comments.** A person who submits comments under subpart 1 shall include in the comments the following:

- A. a statement of the person's interest in the permit application or the draft permit;
- B. a statement of the action the person wishes the agency to take, including specific references to sections of the draft permit that the person believes should be changed; and
- C. the reasons supporting the person's position, stated with sufficient specificity as to allow the commissioner to investigate the merits of the person's positions.

Subp. 3. **Public informational meeting.** If a person requests a public informational meeting, the comments must include the items listed in subpart 2 and a statement of the reasons the person desires the agency to hold a public informational meeting and the issues that the person would like the agency to address at the public informational meeting.

Subp. 4. **Extension of comment period.** The public comment period may be extended by the commissioner if the commissioner finds an extension of time is necessary to facilitate additional public comment. Comments submitted in writing by interested persons or the applicant during the public comment period must be retained and considered in the formulation of final determinations concerning the permit application.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 14.06; 115.03; 116.07*

History: *8 SR 2278; L 1987 c 186 s 15; 19 SR 1310*

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