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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
Bureau of Clean Water

Public Participation

MS4 Workshops – Pollutant Reduction and TMDL Stormwater Plans

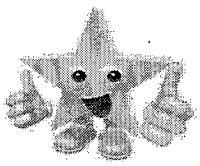
Fall 2016

Tom Wolf, Governor

Patrick McDonnell, Acting Secretary

Objectives

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



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Why Should You Care?

If you don't follow the correct procedure your plan will not be accepted

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What Plans Are We Talking About?

Pollutant Reduction Plans
and
TMDL Plans

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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

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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

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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

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Summary

1. **Public participation is a requirement for all plans**
2. **Steps are contained in the PRP Instructions document**

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