

990 CMR: HAZARDOUS WASTE FACILITY SITE SAFETY COUNCIL

990 CMR 6.00: PUBLIC BRIEFING SESSIONS

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6.01: Purpose

The Department shall conduct briefing sessions for the purpose of insuring the participation of interested persons in the siting process and informing the public about every proposal which the Council has determined to be feasible and deserving of state assistance.

6.02: Content

After consultation with the developer and the chief executive officer of the proposed host community, the Department shall plan the format, agenda and other aspects of the briefing sessions. At least one session shall include:

- (1) an outline, by the Department, of the siting process and a detailed description of the community's negotiating role; and
- (2) a description, by the developer, of the proposed project.

Each session shall provide a reasonable opportunity for persons attending to comment on the proposal and ask questions of the Department and the developer.

6.03: Schedule and Location

(1) First Briefing Session. The Department shall conduct at least one briefing session within 30 days of publication of the Council's determination that a proposal is feasible and deserving of state assistance. If a site is specified in the Notice of Intent this session shall be held in the host community. If more than one site is specified within the host community, the Department may consolidate the briefing sessions if such consolidation will enhance public awareness and participation. If no site is designated in the Notice of Intent, the Department, after consultation with the developer, shall determine the location of the initial briefing session.

(2) Subsequent Briefing Sessions. Following the initial briefing session, the Department shall establish a schedule with locations for briefing sessions which it deems appropriate and best calculated to insure public awareness and participation in the siting process. If a developer has chosen to utilize the site suggestion process pursuant to 990 CMR 7.00, within 30 days of the publication of the final suggested site list the Department shall conduct at least one briefing session in each community on said final list.

6.04: Notice

(1) Whenever a public briefing session is to be conducted, the Department shall send a press release to the local press of the date, time and place of the briefing session, and shall similarly notify the Notice of Intent recipients.

(2) Whenever a developer has elected to utilize the site suggestion process pursuant to 990 CMR 7.00, the Department shall send written notice to the chief executive officer of every city or town in the commonwealth of the expected date of the last briefing session and shall further inform them that such date shall commence the site suggestion period described in 990 CMR 7.02.

REGULATORY AUTHORITY:

990 CMR 6.00: M.G.L. c.21D, § 4.