



Guide to Public Hearing

Welcome and thank you for your comments and cooperation. We appreciate you have shown an interest in this proposed action by taking the time to be here today. Please be courteous and respectful to all in attendance.

All public comments received - whether during the formal public hearing, at a listening station, via email, or by mail - will be given equal attention and answered through the same process. Each comment is read and its concerns noted. After the close of the public comment period Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) staff will review all the comments and prepare a report including the responses to each topic. The report will be available on the MDEQ website or by contacting the MDEQ.

The public may submit comments on the application until 5 p.m. on Friday, April 21, 2017. Written comments may be delivered to the registration table tonight, emailed to deq-eh@michigan.gov, or mailed to:

MDEQ, Drinking Water and Municipal Assistance Division
Environmental Health Section
P.O. Box 30421
Lansing, Michigan 48909-7741

When You Arrive

- Complete an attendance card and indicate on the card if you wish to provide comments during the hearing. These cards maintain a record of people interested in the proposed action and who would like to make a statement today.
- Written comments may be turned in tonight at the registration desk or any time before 5 p.m. on Friday, April 21, 2017.

Information Session – Main Corridor, 4 p.m.

- The informational session is a time to ask questions related to the proposed action.
- Subject matter experts, including staff from the MDEQ and Michigan Department of Natural Resources, will be available at various tables to interact with you.
- Handouts with detailed information will be available.
- A brief, narrated slideshow explaining Section 17 and the MDEQ process will be playing in the Ballroom.

Listening Stations – Founder’s Room, 4 p.m.

- Two areas are set up in the Founder’s Room to provide the opportunity for those who are unable, or do not wish to stay for their turn in the hearing to provide comment. These stations also have handicap access.
 - These will stay open for the duration of the event.
 - Please be courteous to other’s opportunity to speak by only providing comment at either the listening station or the main hearing.
 - Written comments may be turned in tonight at the registration desk or any time before 5 p.m. on Friday, April 21, 2017.
- Comments received from the listening stations will receive the same consideration as all other comments during the hearing.



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Public Hearing – Ballroom, 7 p.m.

- A Public Hearing is a formal process for collecting public comments for consideration by the MDEQ.
 - Unlike the Information Session, questions are not answered during a public hearing.
- The hearing will be overseen by the hearings officer who will open with a statement about the proceedings and procedure.
- The hearings officer will then call the names of people who indicated they wished to provide comment in as close to the order received as possible.
 - Two or three names will be called at once.
 - When your name is called please approach the microphone.
- State your name and any group or association you may represent.
- Each person will be given a maximum of three minutes to speak. Additional time may be made available after everyone wishing to speak has done so.
 - The hearing is recorded so please speak into the microphone and be courteous while others are speaking.
- Once your comments are complete, take your seat so the next person may speak.
- The information tables will be open for additional questions for the duration of the event.

Ground Rules

- Please be courteous and respectful of all in attendance.
- Please keep your comments to three minutes or less to allow all an opportunity to speak.
 - You will be timed and reminded of the limit.
- Do not remove the microphones from the stands.
- Signs, banners and other large items are not permitted in the hearing room as these materials block the view of others.