

Permitting and Other Key Approvals

DECD Permit Assistance

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Public Act 10-158 enacted in 2010 requires :

- Creation of the Office of the Permit Ombudsman within DECD
- Expedited permitting for qualified economic development projects that need environmental, public health and transportation permits

Qualifying Projects

- Remediate and Redevelop brownfields
- Compatible with responsible growth
- Transit-oriented development
- Green businesses
- Create 50 jobs in enterprise zones or 100 such jobs elsewhere in the state



The Expedited Permitting Process

How does the office expedite the process?

- MOU that allows partner agencies (DOT, DEEP and DPH) to “*waive or modify the applicable procedural rules prescribing forms, fees, procedures or time limits for the review or processing of permit applications...*”

State Agency Permit Liaisons

• Mr. David Sawicki @



• Mr. Robert Hannon @

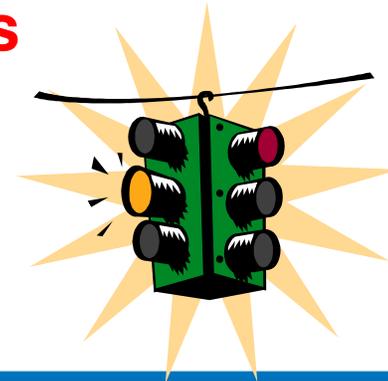


• Ms. Ellen Blaschinski @



Connecticut Environmental Policy Act

- Environmental assessment, abatement and monitoring do not require CEPA review
- **Demolition of facilities may require CEPA review if it involves potential impacts to historic architectural resources**
- **Soil Remediation may require CEPA review if it impacts archaeological resources**



Determining CEPA Review Requirements

- If State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) determinate that there is either *No Effect* or *No Adverse Effect* to such resources CEPA review not required
- If such determination can not be provided by SHPO, project is subject to CEPA requirements
 - Potential impacts to historic resources may include, but are not limited to, demolition of, or physical alterations to, buildings greater than 50 years in age or disturbance of archaeological sensitive soils

CEPA Process

If required DECD conducts an early public scoping process to gather relevant information and comments from other State agencies and the public

CEPA Scoping

- Publish a Scoping Notice for the proposed project on the Environmental Monitor at the CEQ website
- Conduct a Public Scoping Meeting if requested by groups representing more than 25 people
- DECD will take into consideration the comments received and prepare a written memorandum that documents its findings and subsequent determination of the proposed action's environmental significance
- Post the memorandum on the Environmental Monitor website unless DECD determines that an Environmental Impact Evaluation shall be prepared.

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Q&A

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