

Permitting Task Force
Ideas to improving the Permitting Process

DEP – Commissioner Marrella

- 1) Open to CBIA's suggestion that DEP, through a stakeholder workgroup process, limit their review requirements for wastewater discharge permits by allowing facilities to ensure internal processes and operations meet the permitted performance limits.
- 2) DEP is willing to conduct a LEAN Kaizen event in May.
- 3) DEP will increase awareness of COMPASS program which provides assistance to CT businesses for hazardous waste compliance.

DPH – Ellen Blaschinski

- 1) Improve CT permit process by gaining insight from other states that have approached this process effectively.
- 2) Develop tool to accompany permit applications to clearly outline steps and achievable response times.
- 3) Coordinate DPH approvals with local health agencies to expedite process.

DECD – Commissioner McDonald

- 1) Create a state-level permit ombudsman for prioritizing permits for regionally significant responsible growth projects.
- 2) Provide clarity to permitting process by developing an electronic online permit tracking system which would allow for the electronic filing of applications.
- 3) Creating an online tool to identify the basic permits, licenses, and registrations business may need by answering questions, providing resources and contacts.

Bryan Garcia – Center for Business & Environment at Yale

- 1) Recommends that the Department of Public Utility Control (DPUC) and an environmental non-governmental organization be included on the task force.
- 2) Understand the challenges currently faced by the regulatory agencies
- 3) Understand the permitting process of specific permits and how those processes adversely impact economic development.

Kenneth Olson – POKO Partners LLC

- 1) The approval process needs to be less linear by having better coordination with state agencies during the process so that multiple approvals can be attained together.
- 2) Approvals that recognize the practical impacts of the development process.

Frank Johnson – Manufacturing Alliance of CT

- 1) Establish a realistic timeframe for permit authority responding to permit requests.
- 2) Once Permit Applications are submitted, hold meeting with submitter to identify what additional information and supporting material is required in order to reduce multiple submissions.
- 3) Conduct Permit review to consolidate or eliminate certain permits.

Beth Barton – Day Pitney LLP

- 1) Shorten hearing process while assuring adequate opportunity for public participation.
- 2) Identify target project or locations for fast-track permitting/approval process.
- 3) Further clarify obligations of Certifying Party under the Transfer Act

Eric Brown – CBIA

- 1) Utilize existing authority to delegate pretreatment permitting to publicly owned treatment works (POTWs) as we understand is done in a large majority of other states
- 2) Revise the Connecticut Environmental Protection Act in a manner that will reduce abuse of the statute and create certainty by establishing a statute of limitations consistent with other environmental law.

Bonnie DelConte – CONNSTEP, Inc.

- 1) Continue supporting LEAN Government Process Improvement Initiatives.