
Bureau of Clean Water

Public Participation



MS4 Workshops – Pollutant Reduction
and TMDL Stormwater Plans

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Objectives

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



Why Should You Care?

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



What Plans Are We Talking About?

Pollutant Reduction Plans
and
TMDL Plans



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



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



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



Summary

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



1. The first part of the document discusses the importance of maintaining accurate records of all transactions. This is essential for ensuring the integrity of the financial statements and for providing a clear audit trail. The records should be kept up-to-date and should be easily accessible to all relevant parties.

2. The second part of the document outlines the various methods used to collect and analyze data. These methods include interviews, surveys, and focus groups. Each method has its own strengths and weaknesses, and it is important to choose the most appropriate method for the specific research objectives.

3. The third part of the document describes the process of data analysis. This involves identifying patterns and trends in the data, and then interpreting these findings in the context of the research objectives. It is important to be objective and to avoid drawing conclusions that are not supported by the data.

4. The fourth part of the document discusses the importance of communication in the research process. This involves sharing the findings of the research with the relevant stakeholders, and ensuring that the information is presented in a clear and concise manner. It is also important to listen to the feedback of the stakeholders and to use this feedback to improve the research process.

5. The fifth part of the document outlines the various ethical considerations that must be taken into account when conducting research. These include the need to obtain informed consent from the participants, to ensure the confidentiality of the data, and to avoid any potential conflicts of interest.

6. The sixth part of the document discusses the importance of transparency in the research process. This involves making the research methods and findings available to the public, and ensuring that the research is conducted in an open and honest manner. Transparency is essential for building trust in the research and for ensuring that the findings are reliable and valid.

7. The seventh part of the document outlines the various challenges that are often encountered in the research process. These include the difficulty of obtaining high-quality data, the need for a large sample size, and the potential for bias in the data analysis. It is important to be aware of these challenges and to take steps to minimize their impact.

8. The eighth part of the document discusses the importance of ongoing evaluation and improvement of the research process. This involves regularly reviewing the progress of the research and making adjustments as needed. It is also important to seek feedback from the stakeholders and to use this feedback to improve the research process.

9. The ninth part of the document outlines the various ways in which the research findings can be used. These include the development of new products and services, the improvement of existing products and services, and the identification of new market opportunities. It is important to ensure that the research findings are used in a responsible and ethical manner.

10. The tenth part of the document discusses the importance of collaboration in the research process. This involves working closely with the relevant stakeholders, and sharing the research findings and insights with them. Collaboration is essential for ensuring that the research is relevant and useful to the stakeholders, and for ensuring that the findings are implemented effectively.