

Brian Scanlan

As someone who grew up in New Jersey and spent many happy days along the Delaware River in Sandyston Township, New Jersey, I'm writing to express my opposition to the proposed rule changes (18 CFR Part 401).

I'm also a former mayor and councilman (Wyckoff, NJ) and I find the idea that the Executive Director be given far too much control over crucial decision undemocratic. That key decisions can be made without the public and even without a vote by the DRBC Commissioners is appalling.

Another problem is that the Executive Director is being given sole discretion concerning permit extensions without public input and the Commissioners are to be cut out of the process. Talk about behind-the-scenes deal making. It removes government authority and destroys public trust. There is already a decline in public trust of our institutions and you are seeking to add to that.

That you seek to set such a low standard for investment (only \$1 million) to extend a project is absurd, particularly given the sums involved.

Please define the word "material." Provide information on what it is supposed to mean.

Federal Freedom of Information Act references must stay, and your proposed alternative DRBC-system is both costly (if it's created at all). Keep the FFIA rules in place.

Thank you.