

# Cumulative impacts

## Community outreach and public meeting requirements (DRAFT)

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Please take a few minutes to review the requirements for community outreach and public meetings in a cumulative impacts analysis process. See the graphic on the back of the page.

### Public meeting notices

What information is most important to include in a public meeting notice? Is there anything missing from the list below?

- date, time, and location of the public meeting
- description of the project and potential impacts
- a map showing the location of the facility
- a summary of what criteria make this an environmental justice area
- how to access more information
- how to submit comments to the permit applicant
- how to request accommodations for the public meeting

The statute requires that public meeting notices be shared through newspaper/s, physical signage, and the MPCA website. What other methods would be most impactful for sharing public meeting notices in your community?

### Public meetings

What does “robust public and tribal engagement” look like?

- What would tell you that a facility successfully achieved “robust engagement?”

What methods should be required for holding public meetings?





- What format should the public meeting be in?
  - in-person, virtual, etc.
- How should the public meetings, including comments and questions, be documented?
  - meeting minutes, transcription, recording, etc.
- Should third party facilitation, provided by the permit applicant, be required? Why?
  - How important is it for the permit applicant to provide resources such as language interpretation, transportation, and meals? Why?

### Public meeting comments

What methods should be required for taking public comments and communicating back what was heard?

- making all comments publicly available, responding to each public comment, etc.
- accepting electronic, written, verbal, etc.

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	Permit applicant	MPCA
 <b>Requirements</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• must hold at least two meetings in the impacted environmental justice area</li> <li>• one meeting before conducting cumulative impacts analysis</li> <li>• one meeting after conducting cumulative impacts analysis</li> <li>• additional meetings may be combined in some cases (with MPCA approval) if the permit applicant is applying for more than one permit</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• approve/deny requests to combine public meetings</li> <li>• may add requirements to permit in an environmental justice area to hold meetings for info sharing and discussion</li> </ul>
 <b>Public meeting notices</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• publish notice at least 30 days before a meeting; notify MPCA at least 45 days before</li> <li>• through newspaper and signage in the environmental justice area, as directed by MPCA</li> <li>• provide MPCA a copy of the cumulative impacts analysis at least 45 days before the second meeting</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• post the notice on MPCA website at least 30 days before a meeting</li> <li>• post the cumulative impacts analysis on MPCA website at least 30 days before second meeting</li> </ul>
 <b>Public meetings</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• provide opportunity for “robust public and tribal engagement”</li> <li>• accept written/oral comments, as directed by MPCA, from any interested party</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• establish methods for holding public meetings*</li> </ul>
 <b>Public meeting comments</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• within 30 days, provide electronic copy of all written comments to MPCA</li> <li>• within 30 days, provide a transcript of all oral comments to MPCA</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• establish methods for handling public comments*</li> </ul>

**\*To be defined in rule**