Community Environmental Benefits Agreement (CEBA)

A Community Environmental Benefits Agreement (CEBA) is an agreement negotiated between the developer of a facility and the town's chief executive officer where the developer plans to site or expand their facility. The CEBA outlines the measures the developer will take to mitigate the potential impacts of the facility on the community.

Who is involved in a CEBA? The developer, the town's chief elected official or town manager, and a representative from the environmental justice community shall participate in the negotiation. This ensures that the voices of those most likely to be affected by the facility are heard.

What does a CEBA cover? A CEBA can include a wide range of commitments from the developer. These might include measures to reduce pollution, initiatives to improve local amenities, or financial contributions to local projects. The specifics of each CEBA will depend on the nature of the facility and the needs of the community.

What is the role of the CEBA in the permitting process? Once a CEBA is agreed upon, it must be executed (signed by all parties) and submitted to DEEP before a Notice of Tentative Determination (NTD) can be issued.

