



***Update on the Evaluation of
the
Permitting Process:
CT Regulated Waste &
Hazardous Waste
Management
and Transporter Program
Applications***

Today's Agenda

- Context:
 - Permit Task Force 2010
 - Public Act 10-158
- Summary of recent process improvements
- Summary of permit process review
- Recommendations
- Next steps planned





Permit Universe

Hazardous Waste Transporters
Spill Response Contractors

Biomedical Waste Transporters

Hazardous Waste Treatment, Storage, Disposal Facilities
Commercial
Non-Commercial

CGS 22a-454 waste management facilities

10-day non-RCRA hazardous waste transfer facilities

Stewardship Permits
[long-term care of closed disposal areas & remediation sites]

Executive Order 39

Governor Rell's Permit Task Force

Charge:

- Simplify and streamline permit application process
- Repeal as appropriate
- Shorten timeframes
- Maintain public health and orderly conduct of business
- Submit report to the Governor

Task Force:

- Chaired by CEO of CT company
 - Stakeholder input from CT business / industry
 - Looked at processing time frames
 - Recommended opportunities for streamlining



Task Force Report April 2010

Task Force Recommendations:

- Timeliness = sufficiency in 60 days and technical review in 180 days
- Complete Permitting Program Reviews
- Establish DECD permit ombudsman
- Expand and extend GPs
- Change Adjudicatory Process
- Expand e-Gov
- Use regulations in force at time of application
- Culture change to encourage economic development and timeliness

Public Act 10-158
An Act Concerning the Permit and
Regulatory Authority of DEP....



Incorporated Task Force
recommendation that the
Department conduct
analyses of our permit
application processing
timeframes

...CGS Section 22a-6p

- Report to Governor and Legislature:
 1. Plan for pilot expedited permitting process
 2. Prescribe changes to be made to review schedules for individual permit applications
 3. Identify: process improvements, additional resources, staffing and program changes to achieve timeframes for sufficiency and technical review

Additional Efforts

- Conducted LEAN process on Solid Waste Facility Individual Permit application processing timeframes, including but not limited to:
 - Assessment of the current timeframes and current resource levels
 - Potential timeframes with LEAN recommendations implemented
 - Additional resource needs to meet suggested timeframes
- Report to Governor and General Assembly September 30, 2010
- Follow-up annually



Permit Timeframe Analysis

- Analyze processes for permit programs to determine the then current steps and timeframes
- Reconstruct a more efficient process by eliminating repetitive or unnecessary steps
- Analyze where and how additional time improvements can be made
- Identify additional resources, staffing and programmatic changes necessary to improve upon timeframes



Process Improvement Goals:

Ensuring Environmental Protection while Revitalizing CT's Economy

- Ensure permits add value in achieving environmental outcome
- Promote and maintain a sustainable economy: through waste and toxics minimization and optimized use of materials and resources
- Focus on eliminating waste: in industry and in permit processing
- Maintain open dialogue with Stakeholders



Challenges Ahead

Staff Resources Constrained:

- Significant number of staff eligible to retire
- Division staff attrition about 1 person / year

Budget Challenges

Increased Responsibilities & Emerging issues in Materials Management



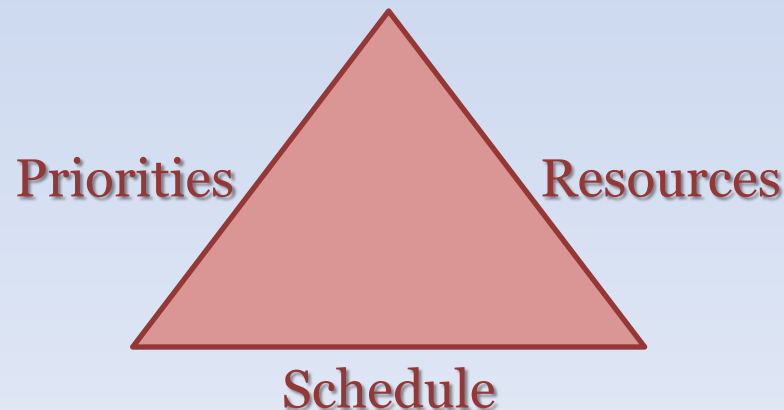
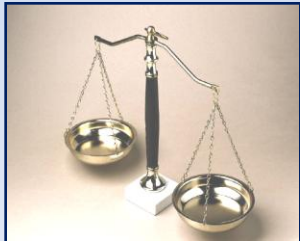
Actions to Boost Permit Timeliness

Programmatic changes

- Treat different types of permits differently; renewals, modifications, new facilities
- Identify resources to implement e-waste program

Process improvements

- Upload model applications to the internet.
- LEAN



What We'll Need To Do

- **Reprioritize w/in existing and expanding obligations**
 - Prioritize applications to reflect waste management hierarchy
 - Incorporate EJ
- **Consider Elimination of Non-CORE, limited or low priority tasks.**
 - Eliminate state role in biomedical waste, consolidate 454 waste programs based on resources
 - Technical assistance programs



Anticipated Improvements

- Multi-year permit
 - Evaluate regulatory structure regarding permit durations
 - Potential to reduce annual paperwork
- Continuing refinement of database
 - Permit conditions tracked for yearly comparisons
 - Efficient permit generation
- Continuing internal cooperation
 - Natural Diversity Database has streamlined operations through a LEAN project



Additional Information

- For updates please go to:

www.ct.gov/dep/permitassessments

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