

Fundamentals (4.d): Permitting/Enforcement Question of Accommodation – PERMITTING

Improve public confidence in permit decisions.

Goal: Improve public confidence in permitting decisions.

Some stakeholders assert that DTSC is too accommodating to industry, reluctant to deny facility permits, allows facilities to continue submitting deficient permit applications, and allows facilities to delay cleanups.

Time Line:

April – June 2013:

- Create a decision matrix tool to assist staff in completing permit decision.
- Enforcement to review all draft permits and provide input on a timely basis, and tracked through EnviroStor.

July – September 2013:

- Establish a practice/policy to determine if the permit application should be denied after three Notices of Deficiencies (NODs).
- In recognition of tendencies in the regulated industry to rely on DTSC as a facilitator to assist them in processing a permit application, we will establish guidelines and training to better clarify our role and responsibilities as regulators in overseeing permit decisions.

October – March 2014:

- Hold workshops for communities when a facility permit application is initially submitted (new permits and modifications) to gauge community interest at critical facilities.