

4410.7908 INFORMATION MEETINGS.

Subpart 1. **Information meetings required.** The applicant or permittee, as appropriate, shall hold public information meetings as required by Minnesota Statutes, section 116C.724, subdivision 3, paragraph (b).

A. The applicant shall hold one public meeting in the potentially impacted area after the permit application has been filed with the board and before the hearing required by part 4410.7910. At the meeting the applicant shall explain the scope of the planned investigative activities and the potential short- and long-term environmental, health, and safety impacts, if any, of the investigative activities.

B. The permittee shall hold at least one public meeting every three months in the potentially impacted area during the investigation in order to answer questions, concerns, and complaints, and to provide the public with all current raw and interpreted data on the progress of the investigation.

Subp. 2. **Agenda.** The applicant or permittee, as appropriate, shall provide the agenda, and responses to concerns and issues raised at the public information meeting, in writing to the chair within 20 days of the meeting.

Subp. 3. **Evidence.** Any person may appear at the public information meetings and present written and/or oral testimony and exhibits relevant to the investigative activities.

Subp. 4. **Schedule and location.** The public information meetings shall be scheduled on weekday evenings that do not fall on a public holiday and shall begin no earlier than 7:00 p.m. The public information meetings shall be held in a facility centrally located within the potentially impacted area and sufficient in size to accommodate the reasonably projected attendance. If no adequate facility exists within the potentially impacted area, the meetings shall be held in an adequate facility near the potentially impacted area.

Subp. 5. **Notice.** Notice of each public information meeting held pursuant to subpart 1 shall be given by the applicant or permittee, as appropriate, by paid advertisement in a qualified newspaper, as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 331A.01, subdivision 8, in general circulation in the potentially impacted area. The notice shall be published at least ten days and not more than 30 days prior to the meeting. The applicant or permittee shall notify the chair and the county auditor of each county or portion of each county within the potentially impacted area in writing at least ten days in advance of the meeting. The notice shall include the following information:

- A. the date, time, and place of the meeting;
- B. the agenda;
- C. the identity of the applicant or permittee and the name of the agent and the address and phone number where that person can be reached; and

D. the locations where the most recent permit application or the drilling permit is available to the public.

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