

other political subdivision of the State, to construct, reconstruct or repair any reservoir, dam or waterway obstruction; or to make or construct, or permit to be made or constructed, any change therein or addition thereto; or to make, or permit to be made, any change in, addition to, or repair of, any existing water obstruction; or in any manner to change the course, current, or cross section of any stream or body of water, wholly or partly, within this State, without *notifying adjacent property owners and without* a permit from the Department, in writing, previously obtained, upon written application therefor to said Department. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to apply to any dam or obstruction which is ten feet or less in height above the elevation of the stream bed or waterway, nor shall it apply to any reservoir with a storage capacity of less than one million gallons, nor shall it apply to any reservoir to be designed, constructed and operated as a waste stabilization lagoon under permit of the State Department of Health, nor shall it apply to any structure for the impounding of water less than four feet in depth, over tidal and nontidal swamplands for the propagation of muskrats and other wildlife species; nor shall it apply to drainage systems designed exclusively for the purpose of collection, conveyance, or disposal of storm water.

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(A) EXCEPT AS HEREINAFTER PROVIDED, WITHIN ONE MONTH AFTER THE FILING WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF ANY APPLICATION, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL SET A DAY FOR A PUBLIC HEARING UPON THE APPLICATION FOR ANY OF THE FOLLOWING PERMITS: (1) APPROPRIATION OR USE OF ANY WATERS OF THE STATE; (2) CONSTRUCTION OR RECONSTRUCTION OF A RESERVOIR, DAM, OR WATERWAY OBSTRUCTION; (3) CONSTRUCTION IN A WATERWAY; AND (4) DREDGING OR FILLING OR BULKHEADING OR SHORE LINE CHANGES.

THE APPLICANT SHALL *PERSONALLY OR BY CERTIFIED MAIL SERVE THE ADJACENT PROPERTY OWNERS WITH NOTICE OF THE APPLICATION AND SHALL CERTIFY THE SAME TO THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES, AND SHALL GIVE NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC OF THE APPLICATION AND HEARING BY PUBLICATION ONCE IN EACH WEEK FOR TWO SUCCESSIVE WEEKS PRIOR TO THE HEARING IN A DAILY NEWSPAPER PUBLISHED IN THE CITY OR CITIES, COUNTY OR COUNTIES, AND IN MORE THAN ONE WEEKLY NEWSPAPER OF GENERAL CIRCULATION IN THE CITY OR CITIES, COUNTY OR COUNTIES, WHICH THE DEPARTMENT DETERMINES MAY BE DIRECTLY AFFECTED BY THE PROPOSED APPROPRIATION OR USE, OR CONSTRUCTION, RECONSTRUCTION, OR REPAIR. THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF EACH SUCH COUNTY, THE MAYOR OR CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICIALS OF EACH SUCH CITY AND THE PROPER OFFICIALS OF ANY INTERESTED AGENCY OF THE STATE, OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION THEREOF SHALL ALSO BE NOTIFIED BY THE APPLICANT BY REGISTERED OR CERTIFIED MAIL. IN THE PUBLIC NOTICE OF THE APPLICATION, THE DATE, PLACE, AND TIME FIXED BY THE DEPARTMENT FOR THE PUBLIC HEARING ON THE APPLICATION SHALL BE STATED, AT THE PUBLIC HEAR-*