

refuses to obey a notice of hearing or subpoena issued under this section, any circuit court, upon the application of the Department OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE, may issue an order requiring the person to appear, testify, or produce evidence as required. The failure to obey a court order may be punished by the court as contempt.

8-1413. Polluting or contaminating state waters; activities requiring permit from the Department OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE; permit requirements; records and reports of pollution discharges.

(b) Permit--Required. -- Notwithstanding subsection (a) of this section, any person intending to construct, install, modify, extend, alter, or operate any industrial commercial or recreational facility or disposal system or any state-owned treatment facility or any other outlet, or establishment, the operation of which would result in or be capable of causing a discharge of pollutants or an increase in the discharge of pollutants into the waters of the State, shall obtain a permit from the [administration] DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE. The [administration] DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE may require a discharge permit from any other activity by rule or regulation.

(c) Same--Notice; hearing; issuance. -- Upon the serving of adequate public notice, as provided in this subsection, and after providing the opportunity for public hearing and information meetings, the [administration] DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE may issue a permit for the discharge of any pollutant or combination of pollutants into the waters of the State if the discharge meets or will meet all applicable State and federal water quality standards and effluent limitations and all other requirements of this title. The [administration] DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE shall insure that adequate public notice is given by:

(1) Inserting an appropriate notice for not less than one business day at least 30 days in advance of the scheduled date in a newspaper of general circulation in the county in which the facility for which a permit is sought is to be located.

(2) Providing appropriate notice of the application for a discharge permit within 30 days after receipt of the application;

(3) Conducting an information meeting in appropriate cases in the region, county, municipal corporation, or other geographic area that would be affected by the issuance of a discharge permit, not less than 15 days prior to the hearing; and providing appropriate documents, permit applications, supporting material, plans, and other relevant information; and

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