

(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

(4) Sending copies of the notice of the public hearing to the units of local government having jurisdiction over the area in which the facility for which a permit is sought is located including local water and sewer agencies.

(d) Same--Duration; renewal. -- Each permit issued under this subtitle shall have a fixed term not to exceed five years. Upon expiration of a permit, a new permit may be issued by the [Administration] DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE, after review in accordance with rules and regulations it prescribes, after notice and opportunity for public hearing, and upon condition that the discharge meets or will meet all applicable State and federal water quality standards, effluent limitations and all other requirements of this title. Administrative review proceedings shall be completed at least 60 days prior to the date of expiration of a permit.

(e) Same--Rules and regulations. -- The [Administration] DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE may establish rules and regulations regarding the application for, issuance, rescission, or modification of discharge