

NJDEP - ACECNJ DEP LIAISON COMMITTEE MEETING

April 27, 2007
ACEC Headquarters

Purpose: Update committee members on activities since the last meeting and plan upcoming meetings and events.

AGENDA

1. Overview of Committee-sponsored activities since the last meeting
 - NJDEP presentations on upcoming regulatory changes
 - Committee comments on Stream Encroachment Regulations
 - NJDEP meetings
 - Commissioner Jackson
 - Tom Micai
 - LURP/Applications group
2. Follow up on NJDEP LURP coordination
 - Beta testing of E-application process for first 5 permits
 - Suggestions for next 5 E-permits
 - Feedback to NJDEP regarding other states land use programs
3. Brainstorm ideas for committee events and activities
 - Topics of interest for future NJDEP presentations and coordination volunteers
 - Other NJDEP programs/divisions
4. Next meeting , June 29th, 2007, 10:00am at CEC Headquarters

ACECNJ – NJDEP MEETING 2/16/07 MINUTES

- After introductions, Tom Micai was briefed on ACEC NJ and the DEP Liaison Committee's mission and on the objective of our meeting which is to establish a working relationship with NJDEP (Land Use).
- The opportunity to work with ACEC NJ was enthusiastically welcomed by Tom. The timing is perfect, since outreach is an important immediate goal he is pursuing. Technical advice and vetting of initiatives by his department will also benefit from ACEC input.
- Three areas of coordination were identified:
 - Technical advice – electronic permitting, permit application format standardization, general technical feedback on initiatives; suggestions for transmitting plans in permit package (ftp client site upload/ download, etc.), beta testing.
 - Regulatory initiatives – review and feedback from consultancy
 - Policy initiatives – advice as appropriate
- Issues and initiatives noted by Tom include:
 - Strong interest in producing technical manuals to achieve consistency
 - Sunset regulations need attention – CAFRA, T&E rules.
 - Permit completeness review – merging administrative and technical completeness to save time.
- News: new LURP2 form is being used to obtain information to support the new NJDEP on-line dashboard on permit status tracking. Gary McCarthy at NJDEP is coordinating this. The new form is to be used in all applications filed after March 1, 2007 and Tom is concerned about compliance with this requirement.
- It was suggested that ACEC NJ can be very effective in communicating NJDEP news such as this and new initiatives launched by NJDEP to member firm and in explaining these initiatives to clients who represent every facet of the regulated community.
- Tom indicated that staffing issues at NJDEP are hindering ability of staff to respond to inquiries and generally slowing things down. Understanding of this reality by ACEC NJ will help NJDEP get through this setback
- The coordination formats discussed include:
 - Full committee meetings with the NJDEP with timing and content of meetings structured according to emerging issues, rather than on a prescribed time frame
 - Working group sessions focused on current topics of mutual interest

- Subcommittees were recommended for the three areas of coordination noted earlier. Working groups consisting of ACECNJ subcommittees of the DEP Liaison Committee and NJDEP units will work on these areas which may require more regular meetings.
- Tom encouraged early meeting on permit and technical support issues, two to four month timeframe, to obtain productive input.
- He would also like ACECNJ to help in the application support process and suggested meeting with the group within the next two weeks to begin working on this item.

Tom Micai
Ileana Ivanciu
Scott Minnich
Liz McLoughlin
Christine Tiernan
Andy Fekete

NJDEP - ACECNJ DEP LIAISON COMMITTEE MEETING

May 19, 2006

2:00 PM

NJDEP Commissioner's Conference Room

Purpose: Introduce the ACECNJ DEP Liaison Committee and reestablish a relationship with the NJDEP, with the objective of developing a partnership and identifying ways in which the ACECNJ can support the implementation of NJDEP programs and initiatives and improve communication with the regulated community.

AGENDA

1. Introduction of ACEC DEP Committee; mission and purpose
2. Re-establish a working relationship with the NJDEP, specifically in the following program areas:
 - Site Remediation
 - Land Use
 - Solid Waste
 - Program Coordination
 - Water/Waste Water
 - SHPO
3. DEP Programs/Initiatives – How can we help?

**ACECNJ – NJDEP MEETING 5/19/06
MINUTES**

- Commissioner Jackson was briefed on ACEC NJ and the DEP Liaison Committee's mission and on the objective of our meeting which is to establish a working relationship with NJDEP
- The Commissioner inquired about the ACEC membership and the NJDEP committee's make-up welcomed the opportunity to work with ACEC NJ
- Areas of coordination identified included:
 - Technical advice
 - Regulatory initiatives feedback
 - Policy initiatives – advice as appropriate
- Commissioner Jackson indicated that she will evaluate the ACEC recommendations and get back to the committee with the name of the person she will designate as the ACEC liaison

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John Watson
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Scott Minnich
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