Key Points

- Updates existing “closure reconsideration” option.
- Clarifies RP’s options if DNR does not recommend closure.
- Screens out sites earlier in process if no site investigation report(s) has been submitted.

Key Points (cont.)

- Provides more opportunity to communicate directly with DNR decision makers.
- Offers face-to-face meeting at stages.
- Delays label of “closure denial” until later.
- Includes Ch. 227 appeal rights at conclusion.
Closure Overview

Admin Review

Tech Review

Closure determination

Step 1
DNR Administrative Review

- PM checks submittal for administrative completeness.
- If no SI report has been submitted, process is paused.
- If administratively complete, proceed to technical review.

Step 2
DNR Technical Review

- Option 1: Not sent to closure committee
- Option 2: Sent to closure committee
Step 2
DNR Technical Review (cont.)

Option 1
- PM conducts review with peer/supervisor input.
- DNR concludes submittal has significant deficiencies.
- PM develops technical comments & offers meeting.
- PM and DNR supervisor offer to meet with RP and consultant to discuss deficiencies.

Option 2
- PM conducts technical review.
- Sends to closure committee.
- Closure committee reviews submittal.

Step 2
Closure Not Recommended

If closure goes to the closure committee and not recommended:
- DNR will not “deny” closure at this point in the process.
Step 3  
Closure Not Recommended

Committee Review

- Closure not recommended at this time
- Closure approved

Step 3  
Closure Not Recommended (cont.)

When closure not recommended, Region:

- Checks in with Field Operations Director.
- Prepares letter outlining deficiencies.
- Offers RP “closure reconsideration.”

Step 4  
Closure Reconsideration

- Regional DNR staff & supervisor meets with RP & consultant.
- RP & consultant present key items.
- Reconsideration in ~ 10 business days.
- If closure not approved, then RP may move to Step 5.
Step 5
Closure Reconsideration

- RP and consultant meet with RR program directors.
- Decision in 5 business days:
  - If approved, final items addressed by RP.
  - If not approved, then "denial" letter is issued.
  - Wis. Stats. 227 appeal language included.

Takeaways

- Goes into effect July 1, 2017.
- If closure not granted, it allows RP and consultant to come in and present their case.
- Allows them to receive a "second opinion."
- Leaves "closure denial" until conclusion of process.
- Provides Wis. Stats. 227 appeal rights.

Case Closure

Questions

-Reminder-

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