



Hearing Procedure

Under the Natural Resources Conservation Board Act

1. OPENING REMARKS

- Statement of the purpose of the hearing
- Introduction of panel and staff
- Registration of application
- Registration of participants
- Filing of exhibits and written submissions

2. PRELIMINARY MATTERS

Discussion of procedural, legal or other similar matters.

3. SUBMISSIONS

Participants in registration order (applicant first):

For each submission:

- Documents are registered as exhibits
- Witnesses are introduced and credentials presented
- The submission is highlighted by the witnesses
- Witnesses are examined
 - by other participants
 - by NRCB staff, and;
 - by the Panel
- Examination is redirected (that is, additional clarifying information may be presented by the witness)

4. REBUTTAL (APPLICANT ONLY)

- Applicant may submit rebuttal evidence to address points raised during the submissions of other participants. Examination by other participants is permitted, but only on the additional evidence presented.
- Interveners are not allowed rebuttal as their submissions are made after the applicant's and they have opportunity at that time to rebut the applicant's submission.

5. FINAL ARGUMENT

Interveners in registration order (applicant last)

- Participants may state what they believe are the most important aspects of the matters to be considered and the reasons for the conclusions they believe the Board should come to.

6. CLOSING

Panel Chair will usually announce a deferral of the Board's decision.

7. REPORT

Later, a Decision Report stating this decision and the reasons for it is distributed to all registered participants and made available to the public.

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