



Q & A

Public hearing Stericycle medical waste incinerator permit renewal



What is the purpose of the public hearing? The public hearing is an opportunity for citizens to register their opinions with state regulators who permit the Stericycle medical waste incinerator about how they feel about its continuing operations. It is a forum where members of the public can make constructive comments and recommendations to improve the operations of the incinerator and revise what is allowed in the permit.

Will my comments be considered? Yes. State regulators are required to read each individual comment and respond to them in writing in a final document that will be available on the state's website. Your comments can definitely make a difference.

When will the public hearing take place? The public hearing will take place on Tuesday, May 25, at 6 p.m. at the Alamance Community College auditorium, located at 1247 Jimmie Kerr Rd., Graham, NC 27253. Directions: I-85/I-40, Exit 150.

What time do I need to be there? You may want to come 15-30 minutes early to sign-up to speak. There will be a sign-in sheet at the hearing where you will sign up to speak. People who sign up to speak will be given a chance to speak in order of when they arrived.

How long will the hearing last? It will last as long as it takes for those who sign up to speak to comment. People may leave after they finish commenting, or stay to hear other's comments.

Will there be a presentation? Yes. The DENR Division of Air Quality will give an overview of permitted operations at Stericycle.

Will questions be allowed from the public? No. The hearing is strictly a forum whereby comments from the public will be heard and recorded as part of the administrative record for the public hearing.

How long do I have to speak? Members of public will have 3 minutes speak. You may wish to time yourself before you come. Some people like to read their comments while others prefer to simply speak from the heart.

What if I want to make longer comments? Longer comments may be written and submitted as well. The deadline for ALL comments is June 1, 2010. Written comments of any length can be submitted until June 1, sent via email to: Gautam.patnaik@ncdenr.gov or by mail to: NC DENR/DAQ, 1641 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-1641.

*** BREDL will host a press conference an hour before the hearing at ACC. We invite the public to attend, and we will be distributing CLEAN AIR stickers in support of clean air!

*** See the "Your Comments Can Make a Difference!" fact sheet on issues concerning the Stericycle permit that can be addressed in your comments.

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