

ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Notice of Intent to Amend Regulations and Announce Public Hearing

The Commissioner of the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection ("DEEP"), pursuant to Sections 4-168 and 22-6a of the Connecticut General Statutes, hereby gives notice of his intention to amend Sections 23-65h-1(o), 23-65h-1(r) and 23-65h-1(s) of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies. The regulations will be adopted under authority of Section 23-65h (c)(7) of the Connecticut General Statutes.

The proposed amendments will: 1) change the name of the agency from "Department of Environmental Protection" as sponsor to the name of the successor agency "Department of Energy and Environmental Protection" as sponsor of relevant programs of professional education required of certified forest practitioners to maintain or improve forestry skills; 2) eliminate the requirement for a "certified" check as the form of payment of fees thereby allowing applicants to submit personal or business checks; 3) eliminate the three (3) percent annual increase in fees for applications and examinations for certification as a forest practitioner or renewal of certification and establish fixed fees.

All interested parties are invited to express their views on the proposed amended regulations. Written comments on the proposal must be submitted no later than 4:30 P.M. on April 5, 2013 and should be addressed to the attention of Christopher Martin, Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, Bureau of Natural Resources, Division of Forestry, 79 Elm Street, 6th Floor, Hartford, CT 06106. Comments may also be faxed to Christopher Martin at (860) 424-4070 or e-mailed at christopher.martin@ct.gov. Based on public comment, the proposed amendments to regulations may be adjusted to meet the objective of the proposal.

In addition to accepting written comments, the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection will also hold a public hearing described below. Any person giving oral comment at the hearing will be asked to submit a written copy of such comments.

Public Hearing

March 27, 2013

1:00 P.M.

Department of Energy and Environmental Protection

Phoenix Auditorium, 5th Floor

79 Elm Street, Hartford, CT

Copies of the proposal described above, the fiscal impact analysis and small business impact statement indicating no additional expense to the state or municipal governments to implement these proposed amendments are available for public inspection during normal business hours at the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, Bureau of Natural Resources, Division of Forestry, 79 Elm Street, 6th Floor, Hartford CT 06106 or may be obtained from DEEP Division of Forestry, 79 Elm Street, Hartford, CT 06106, telephone: (860)424-3630; e-mail: deep.forestry@ct.gov. A link to the proposed regulations is available on DEEP's website at <http://www.ct.gov/deep/publicnotices>.

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Commissioner