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Notice Of Intent To Amend Regulations And To Hold A Public Hearing

The Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection hereby gives notice of a public hearing as part of a rulemaking process. Pursuant to sections 4-168 and 22a-6 of the Connecticut General Statutes ("CGS"), and section 22a-3a-3 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies ("RCSA"), the Commissioner hereby gives notice of his intention to amend RCSA sections 22a-133v-1 through 7 inclusive and to adopt new subsection 22a-133v-2(e)(7) and 133v-2(e)(8) of the RCSA. These regulations are being proposed under the authority of CGS sections 22a-6 and 22a-133v.

The purpose of these proposed amendments to the regulations regarding the State Board of Examiners of Environmental Professionals (LEP Board), is to allow greater diversity with respect to the continuing education requirements of the regulations with regard to distance learning courses. This provides definitions and allows the Board the flexibility with the regulations to approve distance learning courses and provide the structure such courses would need to maintain in order to be approved by the Board, thus ensuring the continued integrity and accountability of the continuing education requirements for licensure. Several technical revisions are also included in these proposed changes.

In developing these amendments to the regulations DEEP consulted closely with the LEP Board and received positive input from the Environmental Professionals' Organization of Connecticut.

The proposed regulations include, but are not limited to, provisions regarding:

(1) Adding several definitions; defined course, distance learning, distance learning provider and distance learning sponsor; (2) Giving the LEP Board the flexibility to consider distance learning courses to comply with the continuing education requirements in the LEP regulations; (3) Add new subsections to define the requirements and the process that distance learning course providers and sponsors must follow to apply for continuing education credit and to ensure the structure of the course provides for accountability and maintains the integrity of the continuing education course approval process.

The proposed regulations and statement of purpose can be found attached to this notice. Copies of the proposed regulations, statement of purpose, small business impact statement and a fiscal note indicating no additional expense to the state or municipal governments are available for public inspection during normal business hours at the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection's Bureau of Water Protection and Land Reuse, Remediation Division, 2nd Floor, 79 Elm Street, Hartford, CT. A link to the proposed regulations is available on the Department's web site at <http://www.ct.gov/dep/publicnotices>. These documents can also be obtained by contacting Kim Maiorano at the above address, by email Kim.Maiorano@ct.gov or by phone at (860) 424-3788.

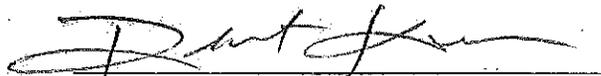
One public hearing has been scheduled to obtain public comment on the proposed regulations at the following place and time:

DATE: July 23, 2014
TIME: 2:00pm – 3:00pm or until all comments have been heard
LOCATION: Russell Hearing Room, Third Floor
Department of Energy and Environmental Protection
79 Elm Street, Hartford, Connecticut

Speakers are requested, although not required, to submit a written copy of their comments.

Written comments on the proposed regulations may also be submitted to David Sattler, Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, Bureau of Water Protection and Land Reuse, Inland Water Resources Division, 79 Elm Street, Hartford, Connecticut, 06106-5127 by July 23, 2014.

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Robert J. Klee
Commissioner

Date

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