

OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
DIVISION OF RECLAMATION

**** POLICY/PROCEDURE DIRECTIVE ****

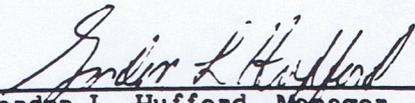
Inspection and Enforcement 88-1

Subject: Bond Release Conferences
Effective: January 11, 1988
Purpose: To provide direction in holding bond release conferences.

Paragraph (F)(6) of Section 1513.16, O.R.C. allows persons with valid legal interests that might be adversely affected by a release of bond to submit comments and/or request an informal conference. The law further provides that the conference need not be held if all parties requesting the conference withdraw their request for the conference. All requests for withdrawal should be in writing and upon receipt of all withdrawal requests the cancellation of the conference is to be published in the same paper that was used to advertise the conference, provided there is time to make the publication prior to the scheduled date of the conference.

If, prior to the holding of the conference, the bond release request is withdrawn by the operator or disapproved by the Division, then the persons requesting the conference shall be notified in writing of the status of the release and be requested to notify the Division whether they wish to proceed with the conference or withdraw their request pending the subsequent resubmission of the bond release request. If the persons so notified do not respond or respond indicating a desire to proceed with the conference, then the conference shall be held as scheduled. If all the persons withdraw their informal conference requests, then the Division shall proceed as described in the first paragraph.

If a conference is held, then the Chief shall issue a written decision within sixty days as set forth in 1513.16(F)(7).



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