**Section 166.101 Purpose**

This Subpart is intended:

a) to set forth the practice and procedures to be followed by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Agency) in conducting informational permit and closure plan hearings;

b) to provide opportunity for the public to understand and comment on permit and closure plan applications and associated actions of the Agency;

c) to establish procedures by which the Agency consults interested or affected segments of the public;

d) to enable the Agency to fully consider and respond to public concerns;

e) to encourage cooperation between the Agency and other governmental bodies;

f) to foster openness among the Agency, other governmental bodies and the public; and

g) to comply with State and federal requirements.