**Section 166.265 Official Notice**

a) *Notice may be taken of matters of which the circuit courts of this State may take judicial notice*.

b) *Notice may also be taken of generally recognized technical or scientific facts within the Agency's specialized knowledge*.

c) *Parties shall be notified either before or during the hearing, or by reference in preliminary reports or otherwise, of the material officially noticed, including any staff memoranda or data, and they shall be afforded an opportunity to contest the material so noticed.* (Section 12(c) IAPA)