**Section 252.205 Opportunity for Public Hearing**

a) A public hearing shall be held on any action subject to this Part when applicable law or rule provides the applicant opportunity for a hearing and the applicant makes a written request for a hearing.

b) The Director of the Agency or his/her designee shall order that a hearing be held on a permit application subject to this Part when the Agency has determined that a hearing would serve the interests of the public or of the Agency. In making this determination, the Agency shall consider:

1) The level of public interest as indicated by the inquiries and comments received by the Agency on the draft permit;

2) The opportunity to increase public understanding of the project and of the Agency's proposed decision by means of public hearing;

3) Receipt by the Agency of a written request for a hearing citing material issues with respect to the terms and conditions of the draft permit from:

A) A significant number of persons, to be determined by the Director of the Agency, either individually or in a petition;

B) A member of the General Assembly representing the district in which the source is located; or

C) A chief executive officer from a county or municipality in which the source is located as described in Section 252.201(b)(3).

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