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Public Engagement Process: Liquid Waste Tank & Ancillary Structures Closure Modules

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Agenda

- Opportunities for Streamlining
 - Current Process
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 - Public Engagement - Proposed Process
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Opportunities for Streamlining

- USDOE/SRS, SRMC, EPA, and SCDES participated in Rapid Improvement Event - Waste Tank Closure Process in March 2025
- The closure module public engagement process was identified as an opportunity for improvement in terms of regulatory burden and its impact on the overall closure process timeline



Current Process

- 30-day public notice with hearing midway
- Public noticed in newspaper, SCDES public notice website, and via Environmental Bulletin
- SCDES notice; however, majority of burden of implementing the notice and arranging the hearing falls on SRS

Regulatory Requirements

- No regulatory driver for process; however, loosely based on SCDES National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit public notice process. *[Note the NPDES public notice process has since been streamlined to remove the newspaper requirement.]*
- 30-day notice is described in Consolidated General Closure Plan (CGCP)

Proposed Process

- A 15-day public notice with no automatic hearing. However, during those 15-days, the public could request that an additional 15 days be added to the notice period (if additional time is needed for review) and/or a public hearing
- Public notice would be by SCDES public notice webpage and by the SRS Environmental Bulletin only. The newspaper notice would be eliminated

Public Engagement for New Process

- Presentation to, and feedback from, SRS Citizen's Advisory Board (CAB)
- Public notice (using current process) of revisions to the Consolidated General Closure Plan outlining the proposed regulatory engagement process



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