

CASE CLOSURE

Making Case Closure More Transparent

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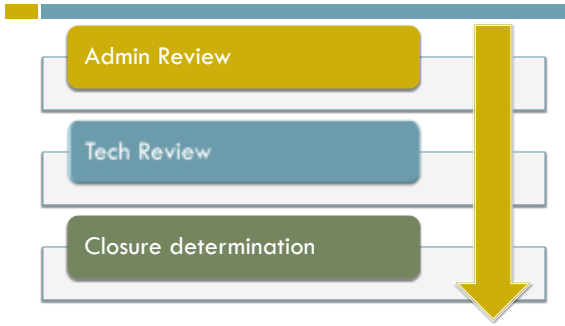
Key Points

- Updates existing "closure reconsideration" option.
- Clarifies RP's options if DNR does not recommend closure.
- Screens out sites earlier in process if no site investigation report(s) has been submitted.

Key Points (cont.)

- Provides more opportunity to communicate directly with DNR decision makers.
- Offers face-to-face meeting at stages.
- Delays label of "closure denial" until later.
- Includes Ch. 227 appeal rights at conclusion.

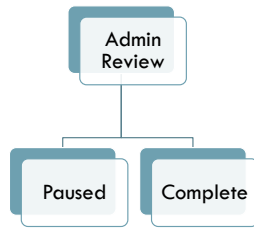
Closure Overview



Step 1

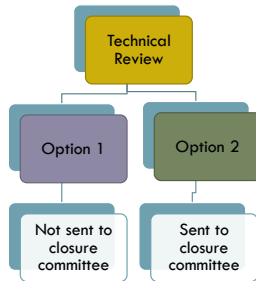
DNR Administrative Review

- PM checks submittal for administrative completeness.
- If no SI report has been submitted, process is paused.
- If administratively complete, proceed to technical review.



Step 2

DNR Technical Review



Step 2 DNR Technical Review (cont.)



Option 1

- PM conducts review with peer/supervisor input.
- DNR concludes submittal has significant deficiencies.
- PM develops technical comments & offers meeting.
- PM and DNR supervisor offer to meet with RP and consultant to discuss deficiencies.

Step 2 DNR Technical Review (cont.)



Option 2

- PM conducts technical review.
- Sends to closure committee.
- Closure committee reviews submittal.

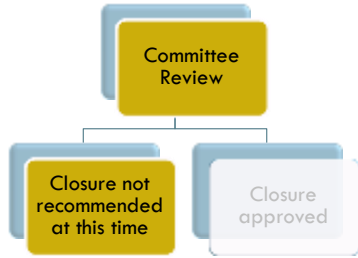
Step 2 Closure Not Recommended

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If closure goes to the closure committee and not recommended:

- DNR will not “deny” closure at this point in the process.

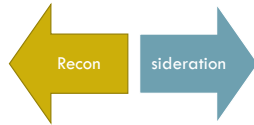
Step 3 Closure Not Recommended



Step 3 Closure Not Recommended (cont.)

When closure not recommended, Region:

- Checks in with Field Operations Director.
- Prepares letter outlining deficiencies.
- Offers RP "closure reconsideration."



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Step 4 Closure Reconsideration

- Regional DNR staff & supervisor meets with RP & consultant.
- RP & consultant present key items.
- Reconsideration in ~ 10 business days.
- If closure not approved, then RP may move to Step 5.

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Step 5 Closure Reconsideration

- RP and consultant meet with RR program directors.
- Decision in 5 business days:
 - If approved, final items addressed by RP.
 - If not approved, then "denial" letter is issued.
 - Wis. Stats. 227 appeal language included.



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Takeaways

- Goes into effect July 1, 2017.
- If closure not granted, it allows RP and consultant to come in and present their case.
- Allows them to receive a "second opinion."
- Leaves "closure denial" until conclusion of process.
- Provides Wis. Stats. 227 appeal rights.

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Questions

-Reminder-

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