**Section 166.160 Conduct of Hearing**

a) The Hearing Officer shall make an opening statement which shall include the following points:

1) The purpose of the hearing;

2) Issues involved in the permit decision to be made by the Agency;

3) Proposed Agency action or draft permit;

4) Tentative date of final decision; and

5) A statement as to what form of questioning in permitted under this Subpart.

b) The Hearing Officer shall allow relevant statements by any person.

c) The Hearing Officer shall admit relevant written statements and exhibits into the record.

d) The Hearing Officer may make a closing statement and shall set a date when the hearing record will close.