**Section 170.120 Public Participation**

a) Public participation in projects to which these procedures are applicable shall conform to Federal and State laws and regulations and to existing Agency procedures.

b) Opportunities for public participation shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

1) The Agency shall give notice of the receipt of a request for a permit for a refuse disposal facility to those persons identified in Section 39 of the Act.

2) The Agency shall give joint notice of intent to give preliminary approval to permit applications which are reviewed under Section 170.114 (Step 4) of these procedures.

3) A public hearing shall be held when Federal or State laws and regulations or existing Agency procedures require a hearing.

4) All aspects of the project for which permits are required are proper subject matter for hearings under these procedures.

5) The Agency shall consider all comments in the hearing record when deciding to issue a permit or to deny the permit applications, and when placing conditions upon permits which are issued. The Agency shall prepare a general summary of comments and testimony in the hearing record and shall respond to the questions and comments, either individually or by category. This summary shall be available to the public on request.

c) For public participation purposes, if confidential information is submitted as part of the permit application, the applicant shall submit a second, nonconfidential application which shall state where information has been omitted as confidential.