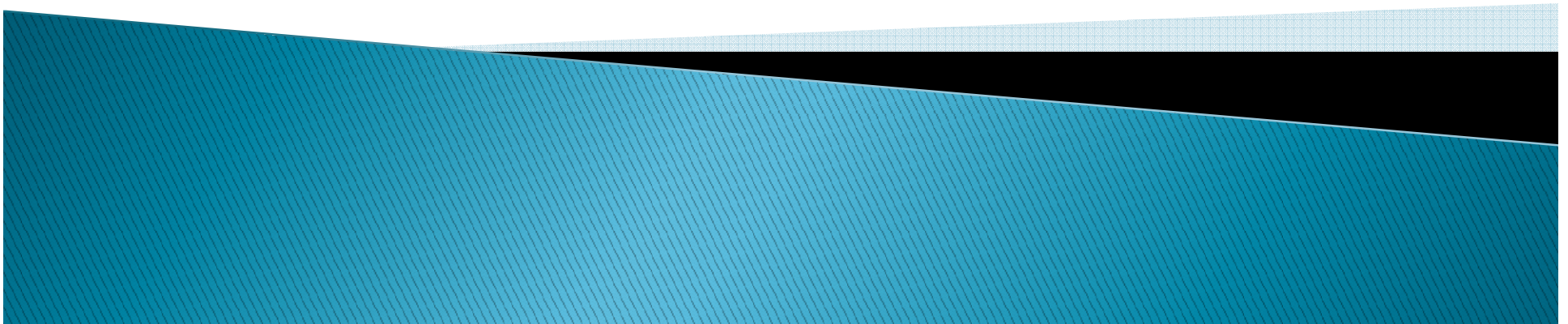


EPA Regional Office Permit Review Process

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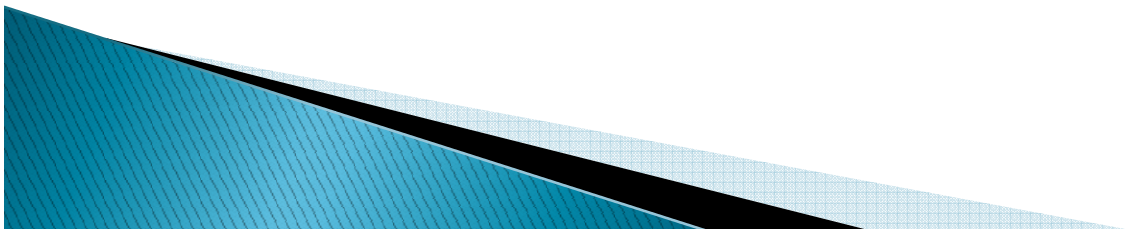
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What Permits Are Reviewed?

▶ Review Goals:

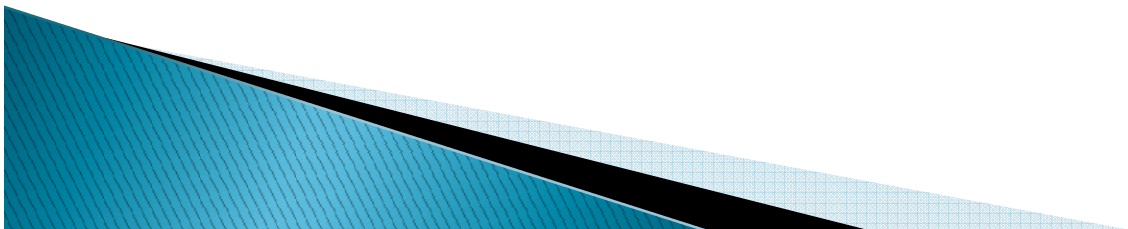
- All major PSD/NSR permits
- Portion of Title V initial and renewal permits
- Permits with significant public interest
- Energy projects (utilities/refineries)
- Permit with complex issues
 - Netting, definition of source, synthetic minors etc.



EPA Review Process:

Before Official Review Period

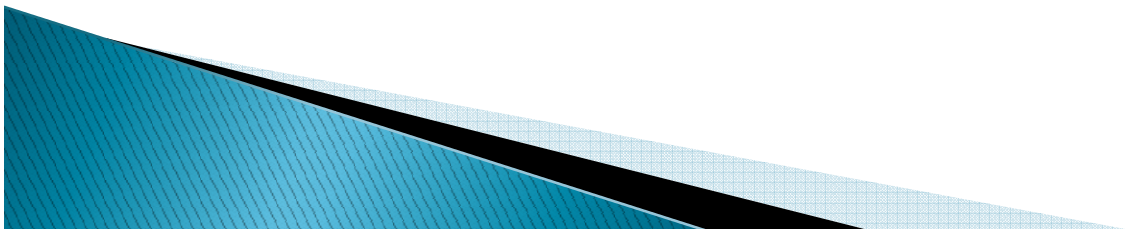
- ▶ Communications Prior to Permit Review Period
 - Specific issues raised to EPA
 - Requests for input prior to drafting permit
 - Monthly calls with states
 - Identify upcoming significant permits
 - Quarterly call with all six Region 5 states



EPA Review Process:

Draft Permit Review

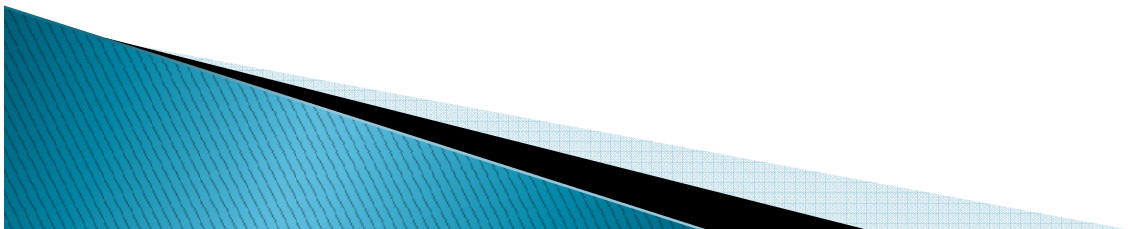
- ▶ Review and comment during 30-day public notice
 - EPA gets draft permits electronically from states
 - Phone/e-mail communications prior to final comments
 - Title V: Concurrent public and EPA review periods in some states.
 - Final comments typically via letter



EPA Review Process:

Headquarters Role

- ▶ HQ offices not involved in most permit reviews. Here are exceptions:
 - Power plant permit comments
 - Power Plant Review Team
 - GHG BACT permits
 - Issues elevated to HQ
 - Specific complex permit issues may be elevated to HQ
 - Title V petitions and PSD appeals to EAB



Permit Review Resources

- ▶ NSR & Title V Guidance Database
 - <http://www.epa.gov/region07/air/policy/policy.htm>
- ▶ RACT/BACT/LAER Clearinghouse
 - <http://cfpub.epa.gov/RBLC/>
- ▶ Applicability Determination Index
 - <http://cfpub.epa.gov/adi/>
- ▶ AP-42 Emission Factors Website
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