

Amendment to SB 116

1 Amend RSA 162-H:10, I-c as inserted by section 3 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

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3 I-c. Within 90 days after acceptance of an application for a certificate, pursuant to RSA 162-
4 H:7, the site evaluation committee shall hold at least one public hearing in each county in which the
5 proposed facility is to be located and shall publish a public notice not less than 14 days before such
6 [session] **hearing** in one or more newspapers having a regular circulation in the county in which
7 the hearing is to be held, describing the nature and location of the proposed facilities. **The**
8 **committee shall also send a copy of the public notice, not less than 14 days before the**
9 **hearing, by first class mail to the governing body of each affected municipality.** The public
10 hearings shall be joint hearings, with representatives of the agencies that have permitting or other
11 regulatory authority over the subject matter and shall be deemed to satisfy all initial requirements
12 for public hearings under statutes requiring permits relative to environmental impact.
13 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the hearing shall be a joint hearing with the other
14 state agencies and shall be in lieu of all hearings otherwise required by any of the other state
15 agencies; provided, however, if any of such other state agencies does not otherwise have authority
16 to conduct hearings, it may not join in the hearing under this chapter; provided further, however,
17 the ability or inability of any of the other state agencies to join shall not affect the composition of the
18 committee under RSA 162-H:3 nor the ability of any member of the committee to act in accordance
19 with this chapter.