Political process, permitting and public involvement – how to deal with new hydrogen facilities

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Placement of Denmark's largest hydrogen fuel station in Taulov Dryport in Fredericia



POLITICAL PROCESS

Steps in the political process

- Formal start-up of the planning process for the PtX facility
- Project developer takes part in the information on placement, environmental aspects and Seveso assessment of the facility
- Clarification of possible synenergy effects as well as risks of seveso effects to other PtX facilities
- Information of incoming comments to the plan/EIA received from the public in the hearing process
- Political approval/information in relation to permitting of the facility

Important

- involve local and national authorities as early as possible
- Concurrent information to the local politicians





PERMITTING

Planning according to the municipal plan, local plan and environmental assessment

EIA

Environmental approval

Archeological investigations

Approval of traffic issues: crossings, driving with dangerous goods and driving with extra long vehicles

Seveso assessment

Approval for the moving of soil
Clarification on:

Energy consumption to and from the facility
Use of excess heat
Use of water
Noise issues
Fire issues

Building permit

Important

- Close co-operation and coordination between relevant authorities, the company and its consultants
- Joint timeline for the completion of the project steps incl. permitting





PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

The public is involved in:

- The pre-publication of the plan for the facility
- The hearing when the plan and EIA is disclosed to the public
- The handling of the incoming public comments during the political proces

Important

- Early and up to date information to the politicians for them to answer the questions of the public
- Suggestion: make a website with concurrent information of the facility, the process, public hearings/plans/permits and FAQs





IMPORTANT POINTS

- Involve the municipal authorities in the project as early as possible in order for them to allocate the necessary resources to the project
- If the project involves a foreign developer it is of great advantage to have consultants with knowledge of Danish law and practice assigned to the project
- The **timeline** for the **authority handling** of the project is at least 1 year!





QUESTIONS?

