

COMMENTING

BRAINSTORM WORKSHEET

Use this worksheet to help organize your thoughts before sharing your verbal or written comments to government approval agencies.

Share Why You Care:

- Introduce yourself and your connection to the community of project.
- Describe how the project will impact you as directly as possible.
 - Be clear and concise.
 - Use respectful language.
 - Focus on your strongest point first.

Name The Problem:

- Describe how it will impact the community or change the nature of the community.
- Are there *Environmental Justice* Concerns?

Provide Solutions.

- Is the project using the *Best Technology*?
- Is another site better suited for the permit activity?
- How does the *No Build Alternative* compare to the proposal?
- Are there ways to lesson harm or increase transparency?
- Use examples from past projects or similar projects in other areas.
- Make a concrete ask.

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