

DEC seeks public input on rules for food service industry

The Department of Environmental Conservation is trying to revamp rules that govern the food service industry.

DEC is seeking public comments on the proposed changes. The comment period started on June 24 and continues until August 15.

The proposed regulation changes are being mailed to all food-safety permit holders and are available at all DEC offices statewide. The regulations are designed to streamline the state rules that govern everything from bottled water to restaurant and school food services.

A sign of state fiscal reductions, an increase is included in user fees paid by the industry in the new rule changes to help offset the cost of state inspection programs.