Michigan's growing economy, combined with evolving rules and regulations, means it now takes longer to apply for and receive a Permit to Install (PTI) in Michigan. This can create a hardship for companies wanting to start a new project. Revised modeling guidance, new rules, and changes to exemptions mean MDEQ permit engineers, consultants, and the regulated community have a lot more on their plate when it comes to obtaining a PTI. We will discuss best practices in permitting, from the pre-application meeting to public hearings.

Please join us for a morning workshop dedicated to best practices for PTI. Annette Switzer, Permit Section Manager, and members of her staff will be present to explain how they review PTI applications and provide tips on making the review easier for them and you.

Jennifer Calnen from GZA GeoEnvironmental, Inc. will present and discuss responding to information requests, as well as tracking permit progress and knowing when to schedule a meeting for additional discussion. She will also explain the importance of reviewing draft conditions and why you might not want to wait until the last minute to negotiate conditions. Ms. Calnen has managed numerous air quality permitting projects for various manufacturing sectors over the past 24 years.

Chris Occhipinti of NTH Consultants will provide an overview of the new modeling policy memo (AQD-22) and Michigan’s unique toxics rules. He will provide an example of how to know when air dispersion modeling will be needed based on AQD-22 and the toxic allowable emission rate (AER) tables. Mr. Occhipinti has more than 12 years of experience doing air quality permitting, compliance, and modeling work.

Lillian Woolley of FTCH will cover the importance of having a pre-application meeting things you can do to prepare for filing an application (including an evaluation of available exemptions). When modifying an existing PTI, it is also helpful to review existing available records - and some are located on the website. Ms. Woolley has more than 25 years of air quality permitting experience, including time as an environmental manager in industry.