

Appendix A: Guidelines for Evaluation of all Projects:

DHEC OCRM will be guided by the following general considerations in review of State CZC requests of other state permits in the coastal zone:

<p>1.) The extent to which the project will further the policies of the South Carolina General Assembly which are mandated for DHEC OCRM in implementation of its management program, these being:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) to promote the economic and social improvement of the citizens of this State and to encourage development of coastal resources in order to achieve such improvement with due consideration for the environment (within the framework of a coastal planning program) understanding that DHEC OCRM is charged to protect the sensitive and fragile areas from inappropriate development and provide adequate environmental safeguards with respect to the construction of facilities in the critical areas of the coastal zone.b) to protect and, where possible, to restore or enhance the resources of the State's coastal zone for this and succeeding generations.
<p>2) The extent to which the project will have adverse impacts on the "critical areas" (beaches, primary ocean-front sand dunes, coastal waters, tidelands).</p>
<p>3) The extent to which the project will protect, maintain or improve water quality, particularly in coastal aquatic areas of special resource value, for example, spawning areas or productive oyster beds.</p>
<p>4) The extent to which the project will meet existing State and Federal requirements for waste discharges, specifically point sources of air and water discharge, and for protection of inland wetlands.</p>
<p>5) The extent to which the project includes consideration for the maintenance or improvement of the economic stability of coastal communities.</p>
<p>6) The extent to which the project is in compliance with local zoning and/or comprehensive plans.</p>
<p>7) The possible long-range, cumulative effects of the project, when reviewed in the context of other possible development and the general character of the area.</p>
<p>8) The extent and significance of negative impacts on Geographic Areas of Particular Concern (GAPCs). The determination of negative impacts will be made by DHEC OCRM in each case with reference to the priorities of use for the particular GAPC. Applications which would significantly impact a GAPC will not be approved or certified unless there are no feasible alternatives or an overriding public interest can be demonstrated and any substantial environmental impact is minimized.</p>
<p>9) The extent and significance of impact on the following aspects of quality or quantity of these valuable coastal resources:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) unique natural areas - destruction of endangered wildlife or vegetation or of significant marine species, degradation of existing water quality standards;b) public recreational lands - conversion of these lands to other uses without adequate replacement or compensation, interruption of existing public access, or degradation of environmental quality in these areas;c) historic or archeological resources - irretrievable loss of sites identified as significant by the S.C. Institute of Archeology and Anthropology or the S.C. Department of Archives and History without reasonable opportunity for professional examination and/or excavation, or preservation.
<p>10) The extent to which the project is in the national interest.</p>