

## **Public Meeting Expectations**

### **Sign In**

1. You will be asked to sign in at the public meeting and provide your email.
  - This will allow Opencut to email you when:
    - a. Opencut sends a deficiency letter,
    - b. the Operator submits a revised application,
    - c. the application is approved, voided or withdrawn.
  - We will need you to sign in even if we already have your e-mail so we get an accurate count of attendance.
  - If you wish to make an oral comment during the meeting, you will check the box on the sign in sheet. If you are undecided, please check the box since you can always decline to speak when it's your turn. If you do not check the box, due to time constraints, it is unlikely you will have an opportunity to provide oral comment.
  - All comments, whether oral or written, are evaluated equally.

### **Providing Oral and Written Comments**

1. If you are providing oral comment, please be prepared by bringing your comments, be ready to speak clearly and in an organized manner to better utilize your time.
  - You will be given a specified amount of time to provide your comments (typically 3 minutes). Once that time is up, the next person will be given time to comment.
  - You will not be allowed to grant your time to another individual.
  - If you use all your time and still have further oral comments, you can request additional time after all the other people that signed up have had a chance to speak.
2. You also have the opportunity to provide written comments.
  - We will collect written comments at the meeting, and/or you can submit via the Opencut Public Comment portal located at this link <http://deq.mt.gov/Mining/opencut> (click on the "Submit Public Comment" tab).
  - All comments are evaluated equally, and you can provide both oral and written comments.
  - Opencut will provide a date by which comments submitted will help Opencut in the initial review and evaluation of the application. However, Opencut will continue to accept comments throughout the entire permitting process.

### **Open House**

1. The Open House portion of the meeting is designed for you to be able to visit with representatives from various Government Agencies and the Operator. This is a good time to ask direct questions to the meeting participants.

### **Public Meeting**

1. The first part of the public meeting, after Opencut gives a site overview, will include a question and answer period.
  - One person at a time will be allowed to speak. Do not talk over others.
  - Opencut will answer questions about the permitting process.
  - Questions pertaining to the application and proposed operation will be directed to the Operator.
  - Questions regarding items outside Opencut's regulatory authority will be directed to the appropriate meeting participant (e.g. County, MDT, floodplain, water rights, etc.)
2. The second part of the public meeting will include oral comments only.
  - One person at a time will be allowed to speak. Do not talk over others.
  - Questions will not be allowed during this time.
  - State your name clearly.
  - Provide oral comment to the meeting participant panel and do not engage others in the crowd.
    - a. Oral comments will typically be limited to 3 minutes.

**Note:** Many rumors may be circulating about the proposed operation. Visit Opencut's website to obtain the facts: <http://deq.mt.gov/Mining/opencut>.