

TITLE 290 INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Notice of Public Hearing LSA Document 11-666

Notice of Public Hearing

Under IC 4-22-2-24, notice is hereby given that on June 25, 2012, at 11:00 a.m. E.D. T. at the Indiana Government Center-South, 302 West Washington Street, Conference Center Room 4, Indianapolis, Indiana, 46204, the Indiana Department of Homeland Security will hold a public hearing on a proposed rule concerning severe weather warning sirens.

The reason for the proposed rule is to assist counties in evaluating and augmenting their severe weather warning siren systems by identifying the following: (1) minimum technical standards, including a minimum range, for any siren that is to be acquired and installed in a county under a county's siren coverage plan; (2) a specification of any permissible storm, weather condition, or emergency, other than a tornado, for which a severe weather warning siren may be activated. (3) requirements for any test, activation, or failure rate data; (4) the number, location, and condition of existing severe weather warning sirens in each county in Indiana; and (5) determining the need for additional sirens in order to ensure comprehensive severe weather warning siren coverage for all Indiana residents.

The Department of Homeland Security has the authority to adopt the rule under IC 36-8-21.5-9. The proposed rule does not impose any requirement or cost on a regulated entity which is not expressly required by IC 36-8-21.5-9, the statute authorizing the agency to adopt the rule or any other state or federal law. The only fiscal impact of the proposed rule upon local governments will be to Indiana counties that voluntarily choose to engage in a formal severe weather siren planning process in accordance with the proposed rule.

The proposed rule may be inspected and copied at the Indiana Department of Homeland Security, 302 West Washington Street, Room W246, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204 and at the Legislative Services Agency, Indiana Government Center North, 100 N. Senate Avenue, Room N201, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204.

A copy of the proposed rule is also available on the Indiana Department of Homeland Security's website at www.in.gov/dhs/2337.htm

Public comments are invited and may be directed to:

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