§ 27-1113. Community advisory committees.

1. In addition to any authority conferred by any other provision of law, a county within which an industrial hazardous waste treatment, storage and disposal facility subject to this title is to be situated, shall constitute a committee for the purpose of entering into a dialogue with the applicant to develop mutually acceptable solutions to problems which may be created by the siting of the facility in the community.

2. The committee shall have no fewer than nine and no more than fifteen members. No more than one-third of the members shall be designated by the chief executive officer, or if none, the chairman of the county legislative body, of the affected county. No less than two-thirds of the members shall be designated by the chief executive officer of the affected city, town or village as the case may be, provided however, if the proposed facility is located in more than one city, town or village, the chief executive officer of such cities, towns, or villages shall have the authority to appoint an equal number of members to the local advisory committee, the total of which shall not be less than two-thirds of such committee.

3. The members of the committee shall be deemed employees of the public entity by which they were respectively designated for purposes of section eighteen of the public officers law.

4. Within fifteen days after receipt of notification of the constitution of a community advisory committee, the chairman of the board or his designee shall convene and preside over a conference between the applicant and such committee. The chairman of the facility siting board or his designee shall endeavor to foster a dialogue between the applicant and the committee, and to that end, shall convene and preside over such additional conferences as may be necessary.