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conditions and requirements is made may include, but is not limited to, information that may be separately provided to the DEQ or perhaps in some cases the EPA in obtaining those permits. In addition, it says that the commission or the board may request and review, prior to making a final determination of the conditions or requirements, reasonable information relevant to the conditional use or special exception. It goes on to say that, after the final determination of the conditions or requirements is made, it clarifies that final permit approval may be withheld subject to a review, a final review, by the commission or the county board to determine if there has been a substantial change in the applicant's proposed use of the property, and to determine whether the applicant has met the special conditions and requirements imposed in the final determination. So I don't consider any of these changes to be changes in the intent or the substance but are intended to be for clarity. There's been, and I really feel that again we're faced with a lot of what I would call disinformation and misinformation that is being promulgated and generated by those that feel that somehow or other this gives a leg up to mega livestock operations that might come into the state and want to locate here. And it is driven with that in mind, the misinformation. I don't think that anything we're suggesting here is out of line, unreasonable, nor would it require a change in a zoning ordinance that I've seen. Let me go on to say that it's not our intent to change, nor do I feel in any way that this changes any of the current requirements for public hearings, who has them, the frequency, the notices. We're not...the statute now doesn't deal with that and we're not dealing with that in this bill or this amendment. If I make an application for a conditional use permit and the zoning ordinance says that the planning commission may have or shall have a public hearing before considering whether to recommend approval or denial of such permit, that will continue to be the case. That will depend upon the local zoning ordinance just as it does now. If the ordinance goes on to say, upon receipt of the recommendation from the planning commission, the county board may have or shall have a public hearing to consider whether they will authorize the conditional use, that will continue to be the case. I would add one other thing here, and this may not be at all 100 percent supported by the proponents