

About the Proposed Beachfront Jurisdictional Lines

Why is DHEC updating the jurisdictional lines?

South Carolina law requires DHEC to establish and review the positions of the setback line and baseline every 7-10 years. The last review was conducted in 2008-10.

Why now?

Legislation passed in 2016 prohibits the seaward movement of the jurisdictional baseline from its position on December 31, 2017. In order to allow any seaward movement of the lines in this revision, DHEC must complete the revision process prior to this December 31 deadline.

How are jurisdictional lines established?

The law establishes a specific process for setting the beachfront jurisdictional lines and requires that we "...utilize the best available scientific and historical data in the implementation." Data considered by DHEC for this analysis included historical and recent shorelines, aerial imagery, LIDAR elevations, and field collected survey-grade data.

Do the proposed setback lines create a no-build zone?

No. The setback area is **NOT** a no-build area. Construction or repair activities may be allowed within this area and seaward of the baseline with notification to DHEC or through a special permit. DHEC staff is available to assist citizens in understanding the lines and the process.

What if I don't agree with the proposed lines?

It is DHEC's position that property owners have up to one year to request a review of the lines to DHEC's governing board. The property owner may appeal that board decision to the S.C. Administrative Law Court.

We Want to Hear from You

The proposed line revisions are **available for public comment through November 6, 2017**. You can submit your comments to DHEC either online or in writing:

- Online—gis.dhec.sc.gov/shoreline
- Mail—DHEC-OCRM Attn: Barbara Neale, 1362 McMillan Avenue, Suite 400, Charleston, SC 29405

You also can contact DHEC's Office of Coastal Resource Management to make an appointment to discuss potential impacts to your property at **(843) 953-0200**.

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