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Notice of Public Hearing

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Proposed Revision To The State Implementation Plan

Notice is hereby given that the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (Department) will hold a legislative Public Hearing on the following revision to the State Implementation Plan (SIP).

The Department is submitting a SIP revision clarifying the commitments identified in its November 15, 1992 Carbon Monoxide (CO) Attainment Demonstration for the New York Metropolitan Area (NYMA). In this SIP revision, the Department demonstrates noninterference with the CO National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) by submitting air quality data in lieu of modeling showing that the removal of a reference to a limited off-street parking program imposed and enforced by the City of New York from the CO SIP will not jeopardize attainment because ambient levels are well below the NAAQS and trending downward.

The Public Hearing on the proposed SIP revision will be conducted as follows:

| Date | Time | Place |
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| Wednesday, May 23, 2007 | 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. | NYS Department of Environmental Conservation Region 2 Annex - Hearing Room 106 11-15 47th Avenue Long Island City, NY 11101 |

The Public Hearing is scheduled in a place that is reasonably accessible to persons with impaired mobility. At the hearing, the Department will provide interpreter services for deaf persons at no charge. Written requests for such services are required and should be submitted by May 1, 2007, to Laura Becker, NYSDEC, 625 Broadway, Albany NY 12233-3250; (518) 402-8451; email: airregs@gw.dec.state.ny.us.

Pursuant to Part 617 of the implementing regulations for the State Environmental Quality Review Act, the Department has prepared a Negative Declaration stating that the proposed action will not have a significant effect on the environment.

The Department invites all persons, organizations, corporations, and government agencies that may be affected by the proposed revision to the SIP to attend the hearing and/or to submit oral or written statements for the record. A cumulative record will be compiled of both oral and written statements received. It is not necessary for persons wishing to make an oral statement to request an appointment in advance.

Written statements received prior to, during, or after the hearing and oral statements made at the hearing will be given equal weight.

Written statements must be received by May 30, 2007, and should be sent to: Robert D. Bielawa, P.E., NYSDEC, Division of Air Resources, 625 Broadway, Albany, NY 12233-3251, telephone (518) 402-8396; email airsips@gw.dec.state.ny.us.

The proposed SIP revision may be obtained from Mr. Bielawa or from any of the following Department offices:

Region 1, Building #40, State University of New York, Stony Brook, NY 11790, Attention: Ajay Shah

Region 2, Hunters Point Plaza, 47-40 21st Street, Long Island City, NY 11101, Attention: Sam Lieblich

Region 3, 21 South Putt Corners Road, New Paltz, NY 12561, Attention: Ken Gryzb

Region 4, 1150 North Westcott Rd., Schenectady, NY 12306, Attention: Don Spencer

Region 5, Hudson Street Extension, Box 220, Warrensburg, NY 12885, Attention: Jim Coutant

Region 6, Watertown State Office Bldg., 317 Washington St., Watertown, NY 13601, Attention: Thomas Morgan

Region 7, 615 Erie Boulevard West, Syracuse, NY 13204-2400, Attention: Reginald Parker

Region 8, 6274 East Avon-Lima Road, Avon, NY 14414, Attention: Thomas Marriott

Region 9, 270 Michigan Ave., Buffalo, NY 14202, Attention: Larry Sitzman

Public Notice

DEC Announces Fourth Annual Environmental Excellence Awards Applications Available

Applications are now available for New York State's Fourth Annual Environmental Excellence Awards. This award program recognizes New York's environmental and conservation leaders who are solving environmental challenges through innovative and environmentally sustainable practices or creative partnerships. Eligible applicants include: businesses, not-for-profit organizations, government (local, state and federal), educational institutions and individuals. To be considered, a project application must result in an environmental benefit beyond what could have been achieved by using standard techniques or complying with regulatory requirements.

The Department is interested in projects that are contributing to the sustainable use of New York's natural resources or are developing and delivering education programs that advance sustainability and innovation and positively contribute to a trained workforce. The program will also consider projects that address pollution prevention, manufacturing process improvements, energy efficiency, environmental justice, waste reduction and recycling, stormwater management, watershed planning, natural resource and habitat protection and restoration, land conservation, and other environmental protection and restoration initiatives. Applicants should be able to demonstrate that they are a leader in their field.

Review criteria will include an assessment of: the environmental benefits; the economic benefits; the innovative approach of the project; the advancement of sustainability; how creative partnerships were created or strengthened by the project; the demonstration of leadership and management commitment to the environment; the demonstration of transferability and the demonstration that practices go beyond standard techniques or compliance requirements. In order to be considered for an award, an applicant must be in compliance with New York Environmental Conservation Law, applicable permits and local laws.

IMPORTANT: Applications must be postmarked by Friday June 1, 2007. The awards are scheduled to be presented in the fall of 2007.

The 2007 application brochure is available through the DEC's website: www.dec.state.ny.us, by looking under the "Subject Index" button and selecting "E" or by doing a search for "Environmental Excellence Awards."

Anyone interested in obtaining more information regarding the application and criteria for the awards, should contact Michelle Hinman at the Department of Environmental Conservation, Division of Environmental Permits, 625 Broadway, Albany, NY 12233-1750, telephone (518) 402-9469, fax (518) 402-9168, email deprmt@gw.dec.state.ny.us.

New York State Thruway Authority and New York State Canal Corporation Announce Public Review Period for Draft Annual Reports for GP-02-02

This notice announces the availability of the Draft Annual Reports prepared by the New York State Thruway Authority (NYSTA) and New York State Canal Corporation (NYSCC) pursuant to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation State Pollutant Discharge Elimination System General Permit for Stormwater Discharges from Municipal Separate Stormwater Sewer Systems (MS4s), GP-02-02. The Draft Annual Reports document activities related to the NYSTA's and NYSCC's Stormwater Management Program during the Reporting Period of March 10, 2006 to March 9, 2007. The NYSTA and NYSCC are making these draft documents available for public comment for a period of 30 days, ending May 17, 2007. Interested parties may provide their comments to the NYSTA and NYSCC via e-mail, phone, or mail to be considered in finalizing the documents.

Background: SPDES General Permit for Stormwater Discharges from Municipal Separate Stormwater Sewer Systems (MS4s), GP-02-02, requires that agencies or municipalities identified as Regulated Small MS4s must develop a Stormwater Management Program to address six Minimum Control Measures. This public notice serves to comply with the NYSTA's and NYSCC's "Public Involvement/Participation" Minimum Control Measure. Information: The Draft Annual Reports are available online during the comment period at: www.thruway.state.ny.us/about/ms4/index.html. Hardcopies of the NYSTA and NYSCC Draft Annual Reports are also available for review at the following locations:

New York Division

Contact: Michael Wetzel
4 Executive Blvd.
Suffern, NY 10901
(845) 918-2526

Syracuse Division

Contact: Kurt Weiskotten
Suite 250, 2nd Floor
Liverpool, NY 13088-2104
(315) 438-2393

Albany Division

Contact: Robert Romeo
270 Mount Hope Drive
Albany, NY 12209
(518) 436-3006

Buffalo Division

Contact: Tom Moore
455 Cayuga Road
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Cheektowaga, NY 14225-1309
(716) 635-6291

Email comments to:

Thruway: ms4artwy@thruway.state.ny.us

Canal: ms4arcanals@thruway.state.ny.us

Mail comments to:

New York State Thruway Authority
Environmental Services Bureau
Attention: Elizabeth K. Novak
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