



**Department of  
Environmental  
Conservation**

# **2011 Public Hearings for High-Volume Hydraulic Fracturing SGEIS**

DEC held eight public hearing sessions in 2011 to gather comments on the draft SGEIS. Below are the dates and procedures from those hearings.

## **Public Hearing Procedures**

Because of the significant interest in the draft SGEIS and draft regulations for high-volume hydraulic fracturing, the following procedures will apply at the public hearings to ensure that as many speakers as possible have an opportunity to verbally provide comments at the hearings:

1. Each speaker will have three (3) minutes to comment. An audible reminder will be given when there are thirty (30) seconds remaining. All speakers should be respectful of the time limit so that as many comments as possible can be heard.
2. A visible timer will be displayed at the front of the room to allow each speaker and the audience to see how much time is remaining. Please be ready to speak when your name is called.
3. Any person who has registered will be allowed to speak, if time is available, on a first-come, first-serve basis. However, it will not be possible for anyone to speak twice if other speakers have not yet had an opportunity to speak. This includes afternoon and evening hearings in the same location as well as subsequent hearing locations, unless all other commenters have had an opportunity to speak.
4. Time allotted to one person will not be transferrable to another speaker.
5. If the total time for all the speakers who have signed up is less than the available time, the time for each speaker will be increased.
6. Elected officials and federal agency representatives will be allowed to speak at the beginning of the meeting since these speakers' comments represent the concerns of the constituents that elected them or the federal agency they speak on behalf of.
7. Speakers will be seated in the front row in the order that they arrive. The first 8-10 speakers will be seated in these rows and should come up to speak when called by name. When there are 2-3 speakers remaining, additional speakers will be called to fill the row.

# Public Hearing Schedule

## Hearing Schedule

Date	Time	Location
11/16/2011	1:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Dansville Middle School Auditorium, 31 Clara Barton Street, Dansville, NY 14437
11/16/2011	6:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Dansville Middle School Auditorium, 31 Clara Barton Street, Dansville, NY 14437
11/17/2011	1:00 PM - 4:00 PM	The Forum Theatre, 236 Washington Street, Binghamton, NY 13901
11/17/2011	6:00 PM - 9:00 PM	The Forum Theatre, 236 Washington Street, Binghamton, NY 13901
11/29/2011	1:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Sullivan County Community College, Seelig Theatre, 112 College Road, Loch Sheldrake, NY 12759
11/29/2011	6:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Sullivan County Community College, Seelig Theatre, 112 College Road, Loch Sheldrake, NY 12759
11/30/2011	1:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Tribeca Performing Arts Center, 199 Chambers Street, New York, NY 10007
11/30/2011	6:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Tribeca Performing Arts Center, 199 Chambers Street, New York, NY 10007

If you are attending the upcoming High-Volume Hydraulic Fracturing hearings/meetings sponsored by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (the Department) and are in need of reasonable accommodations and/or reasonable modifications, please contact Karl Berger at 518-402-8044 or by [email](#) at least 14 days prior to the date of the event.

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