

FACT SHEET: HIGH-VOLUME HYDRAULIC FRACTURING SGEIS TIME LINE

PRESENT:

January 2011:

Governor Cuomo continued Executive Order No. 41 for DEC to publish a Revised Draft Supplemental Generic Environmental Impact Statement (SGEIS) on or about June 1, 2011 and to accept public comments for at least 30 days

July 2011:

DEC released 2011 preliminary draft SGEIS

September 2011:

2011 revised draft SGEIS released to include socio-economic and community impacts analyses
More than 120-day public comment period began

October 2011:

Draft regulations issued

November 2011:

Four public hearings held in counties in the Marcellus Shale area, as well as New York City. More than 6,000 people attended the hearings with approximately 590 people providing verbal comments and an additional 669 providing written comments.

January 2012:

Public comment period ended January 11, 2012. DEC is in the process of preparing responses to the 13,000 comments it received during the first comment period and the tens of thousands comments it received during this comment period. The compilation of these responses will be included in both the final SGEIS and final regulations to be released later this year.

PAST:

July 2008:

DEC determined an SGEIS for horizontal drilling and high-volume hydraulic fracturing was warranted

October 2008:

Draft Scope released for public review

Six public scoping sessions held in Catskills and Southern Tier

More than 180 verbal comments received at the sessions. More than 3,770 written comments received on the draft scope.

February 2009:

Final scope released, which outlined the detailed analysis required for a thorough understanding of the potentially significant environmental impact of horizontal drilling and high-volume hydraulic fracturing

September 2009:

First draft SGEIS released for public review and comment

October – November 2009:

Four public hearings held on first draft of SGEIS in New York City, the Catskills and Southern Tier. More than 2,500 people attended the hearings and more than 200 verbal comments made by individuals, local government officials, environmental group representatives, oil and gas industry members and others.

DEC also received transcripts of four additional hearings held by the New York State Assembly, the New York City Council, the City of Oneonta and the Tompkins County Council of Governments. Nearly 13,300 comments received in total on the first draft SGEIS

April 2010:

DEC announced that proposed projects in the New York City and City of Syracuse watersheds would need to undergo an additional and separate environmental review process to fully analyze the individual and potential cumulative impacts unique to these watersheds, which would not be included in the SGEIS.

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