

Navigating the DEC dsGEIS Comment Process

How to submit additional written comments to the DEC:

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- 1) **Submit comments at the TCCOG public hearing on December 1st, 7-11 p.m. at the State Theatre or to the Tompkins County Legislature Office.** *Comments to be included in the TCCOG packet MUST be received by **December 5, 2011 at 5 p.m.** (320 N. Tioga Street, Ithaca) or by e-mail: TCCOG@tompkins-co.org*
- 2) **Mail or deliver a letter for receipt by **December 12, 2011.** Include your name, address, and affiliation:**
Attn: dsGEIS Comments
NYS Department of Environmental Conservation
625 Broadway
Albany, NY 12233-6510
- 3) **Electronic form available on DEC's website until **December 12, 2011:****
Link directly to the Comment Page:
<http://www.dec.ny.gov/energy/76838.html>
Or link to the dsGEIS page and from there to the Comment Page:
<http://www.dec.ny.gov/energy/75370.html>

Notes on the Electronic Process:

- It is a bit cumbersome. Prepare your comments in advance.
- If one browser doesn't work, try another (Safari worked better than Firefox).
- DEC includes 25 categories, listed below. Pick one or more; once you complete a category, it disappears from the list.
- Maximum five attachments for each section, if desired. Maximum 10 MB/attachment.
- If you have more attachments, if the system times out, or if you have forgotten to add a comment, you may log back in again and submit another comment.

DEC question line: 518 402-8044

Additional addresses if desired (State Representatives for Tompkins County):

1. Hon. Andrew M. Cuomo, Governor, State Capital, Albany, NY 12224
2. Hon. Barbara Lifton, 106 East Court Street, Ithaca, NY 14850 liftonb@assembly.state.ny.us
3. Hon. James Seward, NYS Senator, 41 S. Main Street, Oneonta, NY 13820, 607 432-5524
seward@senate.state.ny.us
4. Hon. Michael F. Nozzolio, NYS Senator, 54th District, 119 Falls Street, Seneca Falls, NY 13148; (315) 568-9816 nozzolio@senate.state.ny.us
5. Hon. Thomas O'Mara, 333 East Water Street, Suite 301, Elmira, NY 14901; (607) 735-9671
omara@nysenate.gov

Online Comment Sections refer to sections of the dsGEIS as follows:

ONLINE COMMENT SECTIONS:

- 1. General Comments on the 2011 revisions**
2. New sections on socioeconomic conditions, impacts and mitigation
3. New sections on visual and noise impacts and mitigation
4. New sections on existing transportation conditions, impacts and mitigation
5. New sections on community character, impacts and mitigation
6. New local government notification and coordination requirements
7. Requirements for mandatory disclosure of hydraulic fracturing additives and alternatives
8. Enhanced requirements for well construction and management of drill cuttings
9. Prohibition on well pads in NYC and Syracuse watersheds and 4000 foot buffer
10. Prohibition on well pads in 2000 foot buffer around other public drinking supplies
11. Prohibition on well pads in 500 foot buffer around private water wells
12. Prohibition on well pads in primary aquifers and 500 foot buffer
13. Prohibition on well pads in 100 year floodplains
14. Prohibition on well pads on state-owned lands administered by DEC
15. Requirement for site-specific SEQRA determination for well pads in principal aquifers...
16. Requirement for site-specific SEQRA determination for certain water withdrawals
17. Passby flow: calculation methodology and well permit conditions
18. Requirements related to forest and grassland focus areas
19. Requirements for invasive species management t plan and practices to reduce habitat ...
20. Air Permitting process and well permit conditions for avoiding or mitigating adverse ...
21. Air impact assessment, supplemental modeling, and assessment of regional emissions...
22. Air quality monitoring program
23. Greenhouse gas mitigation requirements
24. Comments on other revisions that are included in the 2011 dsGEIS
- 25. Additional changes you think should be reflected in the final SGEIS**

A choice is offered at the beginning of the DEC Comment Form for you to comment on any of the following documents:

- **2011 rdSGEIS** (*revised supplemental generic environmental impact statement - revised from the former draft. Supplemental in that it incorporates the Generic approach that was formulated in 1992, allowing gas companies to obtain permits for large groups of gas wells at once, rather than have to examine the impact for each well-site individually.*)
- Proposed HVHF Regulations
- Proposed SPDES General Permit (NYS has to show that it met the Federal environmental review process)

PLEASE USE THE ATTACHED SHEET TO SUBMIT ANY WRITTEN COMMENTS. IF SUBMITTING A SEPARATE DOCUMENT PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR NAME, ADDRESS, AND CONTACT INFORMATION ARE CLEAR.

