

**Navigating the DEC dsGEIS Comment Process**  
**DEADLINE DECEMBER 12, 2011**

**How to submit additional written comments to the DEC:**

**1) Mail or deliver a letter. Include your name, address, and affiliation:**

Attn: dsGEIS Comments  
NYS Department of Environmental Conservation  
625 Broadway  
Albany, NY 12233-6510

**2) Electronic form available on DEC's website:**

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>

**3) Attend the TCCOG Public Hearing Dec. 1, 7 pm State Theatre, Ithaca**

A representative from the DEC will attend and a stenographer will record comments. Official comments may be submitted then or by Dec. 5 to be included in the TCCOG packet that will be sent to the DEC.

**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:**

Hon. Andrew M. Cuomo, Governor, State Capital, Albany, NY 12224

**Your State Representatives (Tompkins County):**

Hon. Barbara Lifton, 106 East Court Street, Ithaca, NY 14850 [liftonb@assembly.state.ny.us](mailto:liftonb@assembly.state.ny.us)

Hon. James Seward, NYS Senator, 41 S. Main Street, Oneonta, NY 13820, 607 432-5524  
[seward@senate.state.ny.us](mailto:seward@senate.state.ny.us)

Hon. Michael F. Nozzolio, NYS Senator, 54<sup>th</sup> District, 119 Falls Street, Seneca Falls, NY 13148  
(315) 568-9816 [nozzolio@senate.state.ny.us](mailto:nozzolio@senate.state.ny.us)

**Online Comment Sections refer to the Chapters 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**

**There is a question at the beginning asking which document you are commenting on. It refers to the following:**

*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, one at a time.)*

*Proposed HVHF Regulations ( usually, the EIS process is completed before DEC issues actual regulations; in this case, the Regulations are being fast-tracked, and the comment period for the Impacts and the Regulations are being held simultaneously.)*

*Proposed SPDES General Permit (NYS has to show that it met the Federal environmental review process)*