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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

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Dear Environmental Justice Advisory Group Members and Invited Guests:

This letter is to remind you of the next New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Environmental Justice Advisory Group meeting scheduled for **Wednesday, September 17, 2008**. In light of everyone's busy schedules and the recent request for agencies to conserve fiscal resources, this meeting will be held via conference call from **10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.** The call in number is (866) 772-0220, participant pass code 9559337.

Enclosed please find the agenda for this meeting. If you would like to add something to the agenda, or have comments or concerns regarding the agenda, please notify me at your earliest convenience. Your input is highly valued.

To confirm your attendance, kindly call Keisha Wilkerson at (518) 402-8556 or toll free at 1 (866) 229-0497, or e-mail her at kjwilker@gw.dec.state.ny.us

Sincerely,

Monica L. Kreshik

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Enclosure:
Agenda
EEPS Work Group VIII Scope of Work

New York State Environmental Justice Advisory Group Meeting

Wednesday, September 17, 2008

10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Conference Call in number: (866) 772-0220

Participant Password: 9559337

AGENDA

10:00 - 10:15 a.m. Welcoming Remarks

Monica Kreshik

10:15 - 10:45 a.m. Waste Water Infrastructure: Presentation and Discussion

Sandi Allen, Director, Clean and Safe Water Infrastructure Funding Initiative

New York State's water infrastructure is aging out and in need of an estimated \$36.2 billion dollars in repairs. Participants will be briefed on DEC's role in addressing these issues. Opportunities for public involvement will be identified.

10:45 - 11:30 p.m. Environmental Protection Fund: Presentation and Discussion

Jack McKeon, Deputy Commissioner, Office of Administration

Monica Kreshik

DEC will provide background on the EPF. Participants are asked to discuss concerns regarding the current distribution of money from the EPF and suggest ways to ensure an equitable distribution to all areas of the state, especially EJ communities.

11:30 - 12:00 p.m. Environmental Justice Interagency Task Force: Discussion

Lisa Garcia

Participants are asked to provide feedback, ask questions and discuss issues relating to the EJ Interagency Task Force.

12:00 - 12:30 p.m. Office of Environmental Justice Activities: Update and Discussion

Lisa Garcia

Participants will be briefed on activities of the DEC Office of Environmental Justice.

Agenda, cont.

12:30 - 1:00 p.m. Energy Efficiency Portfolio Standard - Work Group VIII on Demand Response and Peak Reduction

John Barnes, Environmental Engineer 2, Division of Air Resources

Participants will be briefed on the EEPS Work Group VIII scope of work, which includes environmental justice issues, and are invited to provide input on the scope or other related issues. The Scope of Work is attached to this e-mail and background is provided below. With respect to Environmental Justice, the scope includes the identification of Communities that Host Peak Generation Facilities and an assessment of health impacts to those communities.

1:00 p.m. Adjourn

**The next EJ Advisory Group Meeting is scheduled for December 10, 2008.
Please mark your calendar.**

Energy Efficiency Portfolio Standard and Work Group VIII Background: On June 23, 2008, the Public Service Commission issued a decision establishing New York's Energy Efficiency Portfolio Standard (EEPS). As part of a statewide program to reduce New Yorkers' electricity usage 15% of forecast levels by the year 2015, with comparable results in natural gas conservation, the Commission established interim targets and funding through the year 2011. The State's utilities are required to file energy efficiency programs, and the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority, as well as independent parties, are invited to submit energy efficiency program proposals for Commission approval.

These Commission determinations established the basis for commencement of the EEPS program; however, many issues remain. Some are directly related to the immediate implementation of the EEPS Order; others are policy issues of great importance, but not necessarily requiring expedited resolution. To resolve some of these outstanding issues, the Commission issued a procedural ruling on July 3rd that created five new work groups to address the issues and submit reports to the Commission by October 15. Work Group VIII is tasked with addressing issues relating to Demand Response and Peak Reduction.

Documents relating the EEPS Proceeding including the rulings and party status list can be viewed at http://www.dps.state.ny.us/Phase2_Case_07-M-0548.htm