



PUBLIC NOTICE

NEW SEQR ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FORMS

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Project sponsors that submit an Environmental Assessment Form (EAF) in support of an application for funding or a discretionary approval from a state or local agency after October 7, 2013 must use the newly adopted EAF forms.

Hard copies of both the short and full EAF are available at the Planning Department office. Electronic versions, available as downloadable .pdf files, or interactive versions that can be completed on-line, are available at the NYSDEC's website:

<http://www.dec.ny.gov/permits/6191.html>

The new forms are designed to work with the new Short-EAF and Full-EAF Environmental Assessment Workbooks and the "EAF Mapper" software program - which the DEC expects will improve and modernize environmental impact analysis and the SEQR process. These resources can be accessed at:

<http://www.dec.ny.gov/permits/90125.html>

The Workbooks have been prepared to assist applicants, project sponsors and reviewing agencies in the completion of the EAF. The Workbooks are not required to be used during a SEQR process. They should be considered as helpful guidance documents that contain background information, links to data and maps, and answers to questions that a reviewing agency may have.

The EAF Mapper program (available soon on the DEC website) will also assist in the completion of EAF's by automatically completing certain sections of the EAF based on the geographic location of a project.

Answers to frequently asked questions regarding the use of the new EAF's can be found at:

<http://www.dec.ny.gov/permits/93240.html>.