





**SEQR**

*Conserving, improving, and protecting New York's natural resources and environment*

### Outdoor Recreation

Places to Go • Fishing • Boating • Camping •  
 Hunting • Trapping • Shellfishing • Skiing •  
 Accessible Recreation • Hiking & Rock Climbing •  
 Snowmobiles & ATVs

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Mammals • Birds • **Amphibians & Reptiles** •  
 Nuisance & Invasive Species • Species  
 Conservation Programs • Freshwater Fishes •  
 Marine Life • Insects & Other Species • Plants •  
 Injured, Sick or Distressed Animals

### Chemical & Pollution Control

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 Brownfields • Chemical & Petroleum Storage •  
 Waste Management • Recycling & Composting •  
 Pesticides • Radiation • Mercury Management

### Lands and Waters

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 Preserve • Lakes, Rivers & Watersheds • Oceans &  
 Estuaries • Wetlands • Dams & Flood Control •  
 Water Supply • Conservation • Mining &  
 Reclamation

### Education

Teacher Information • Resources for Students •  
 Environmental Education Programs • Statewide  
 Listing of Nature Centers • Environmental Education  
 Camps • Campground Education Programs •

### DEC Databases and Interactive Maps

This page contains quick links to our most popular applications, including database lookups and interactive maps.



### DEC's New Public Website Goes Live

In 2006, more than 9.2 million people came to DEC's public website for important environmental information. The site has been redesigned to make it easier for people to find the information they want and need.



### DEC Launches Statewide "25 Days for 25 Years" Bottle Drive to Celebrate 25th Anniversary of the Bottle Bill

During the campaign, DEC will partner with nearly 20 host schools across the state to celebrate the remarkable success of the Bottle Bill and focus students on the importance of recycling in creating a cleaner environment.



### Moving Firewood Can Be Dangerous to Forests

That innocent-looking pile of firewood you brought from home could harbor insect larvae that will decimate the trees at your favorite campground.

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 Online Newsletter

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### Hot Topics

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Purchase a Sporting  
 License (DECALS)

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Regional Greenhouse Gas  
 Initiative

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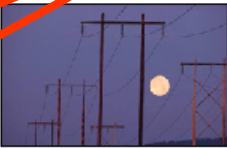
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## Plan for Reducing Energy Costs, Curbing Pollution and Addressing Global Climate Change

The state's aggressive efforts to achieve energy efficiency and to significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions are key to realizing our economic and environmental goals.




## Mercury Reduction Plan for New York and New England Waters

The Northeast Regional Mercury TMDL addresses the link between mercury emissions and mercury pollution in water and stresses the need for a nationwide mercury-reduction strategy.



## Owners of Flood-Damaged Property to Receive Tax Relief

New legislation will provide tax relief to those whose property sustained significant flood damage last summer.



## Hudson River Estuary Program Grants Available

Grants will range from \$10,000 to \$100,000 for eligible projects, and the deadline for applications is June 29, 2007.

### Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative

### Recent Additions to the Site:

[Fish Health Emergency Regulations in Response to VHS](#)

[Pesticides Residue Removal Proposed Rulemaking](#)

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## SEQR

### Environmental Impact Assessment in New York State

In New York State, most projects or activities proposed by a state agency or unit of local government, and all discretionary approvals (permits) from a NYS agency or unit of local government, require an environmental impact assessment as prescribed by the NYS Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQR). [Statutory authority: Environmental Conservation Law Sections 3-0301(1)(b), 3-0301(2)(m) and 8-0113]

SEQR requires the sponsoring or approving governmental body to identify and mitigate the significant environmental impacts of the activity it is proposing or permitting.

We standardized our environmental assessments by using the Environmental Assessment Form (EAF) and special guidance documents which you may download with instructions using the links on this page.

In addition, we link to the Division of Water's pages on Storm Water and Erosion and Sediment Control which, in addition to being part of a required permit set for most projects that will require a SEQR assessment, present related concepts pertinent to the topic of environmental impact assessment.

On completing an EAF, the lead agency determines the significance of an action's environmental impacts. The agency then decides whether to require (or prepare) an Environmental Impact Statement and whether to hold a public hearing on the proposed action.

Other links on this page take you to:

- a description of SEQR and how it works;
- additional explanations of terms used in SEQR;
- an annotated flow path of the SEQR process;
- information on a new 2005 law requiring EISs to be posted on the Internet; and

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## How does DEC assist agencies in implementing the SEQR process?

DEC provides informal interpretations and guidance about the conduct of SEQR. These informal interpretations are based on the experience of DEC staff. DEC, however, cannot provide formal legal opinions about the conduct of SEQR by other agencies. State and local agencies and other interested parties should consult with their own legal counsel for formal interpretations of SEQR law and regulations.

## More about SEQR:

[Introduction to SEQR](#) - New York's State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQR) requires all state and local government agencies to consider environmental impacts equally with social and economic factors during discretionary decision-making

[What is An "Action" Under SEQR?](#) - What constitutes a SEQR Action

[What is An Environmental Impact Statement?](#) - An Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) concisely describes and analyzes a proposed action which may have a significant impact on the environment

[What Are SEQR Type I and Type II Actions?](#) - What is a SEQR Type I and Type II action?

[What is The SEQR Decision Making Process?](#) - SEQR Decision Making Process

[How Does SEQR Work?](#) - Under the requirements of the Uniform Procedures Act, applications for DEC permits cannot be considered complete unless a completed environmental assessment form as required by the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQR) has been received

["EIS on the Web" Requirement](#) - A 2005 amendment to SEQR requires every EIS, Draft EIS and Final EIS to be posted on a publicly accessible internet Web site, as of February 26, 2006

[State Environmental Quality Review Act \(SEQR\) Forms](#) - Short Environmental Assessment Form; Full Environmental Assessment Form; Postive Declaration Form; Negative Declaration Form; Notice of Complete Draft EIS/ Final EIS; Notice of Completion of Draft EIS and Notice of SEQR Hearing

[Stepping Through the SEQR Process](#) - Stepping Through the SEQR Process

[SEQR Handbook](#) - Since it first appeared in March 1982, the SEQR Handbook has been a standard reference book for state, county and local government officials; environmental consultants; attorneys; permit applicants; and the public

[Commissioner Decisions on Lead Agency Disputes](#) - In a coordinated review under SEQR, there are times when the involved agencies are not able to agree which one of them will become the lead agency. When this happens, any of the involved agencies or the project sponsor can request the Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Conservation to designate a lead agency.

[Critical Environmental Areas](#) - Local agencies may designate specific geographic areas within their boundaries as "Critical Environmental Areas" (CEAs). State agencies may also designate geographic areas they own, manage or regulate.

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## "EIS on the Web" Requirement

A 2005 amendment to SEQR (Chapter 641 of the NYS Laws of 2005; "Ch. 641") requires every Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) -- Draft EIS (DEIS) and Final EIS (FEIS) -- to be posted on a publicly accessible Internet Web site, as of February 26, 2006. A DEIS should be posted as soon as it is accepted and remain posted until the FEIS is accepted. The FEIS should be posted when completed, and must remain posted until one (1) year after all final approvals have been issued for the project that is the subject of the FEIS. For actions where a Generic Environmental Impact Statement (GEIS) has been prepared, the Final GEIS should remain posted for at least one year or longer if reviews of the matter are still pending.

The new law provides an exception to the posting requirement in cases where an agency concludes that posting is "impracticable", but it provides no definition of impracticable. Accordingly, any agency using the "impracticable" exemption should document the rationale in its records concerning that EIS.

DEC is investigating a range of alternatives to guide state and local agencies in complying with this new requirement as well as with existing federal plus state handicapped-accessibility format and content standards. When those requirements have been harmonized, DEC intends to develop regulations to more specifically direct compliance. In the meantime, however, there are several alternatives available to agencies which will satisfy the basic requirements of Ch. 641. These alternatives include, but are not necessarily limited to:

### Full posting:

- Lead agency may post to its own website
  - Requires capacity to post, update and monitor issuance of all involved approvals
  - Federal format standards relating to accessibility for the disabled apply to government websites
- An involved agency may host the EIS
  - Would be responsible for all updating and for maintaining postings for required statutory periods
  - Federal disabled-accessibility standards would still apply

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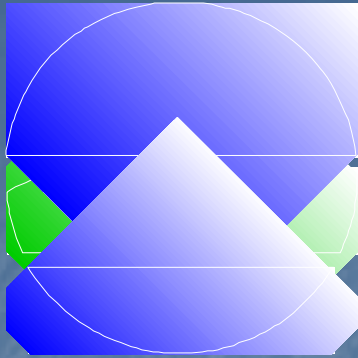
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The graphic features a large, light blue circle with a thick blue border. Inside the circle, the words "Pollution Prevention Unit" are written in a bold, white, sans-serif font. The text is arranged in three lines: "Pollution" on the top line, "Prevention" on the middle line, and "Unit" on the bottom line. The background of the slide is a dark blue gradient.

# **Pollution Prevention Unit**



# Who We Are

A diverse staff with a wealth of expertise in:

- Public Policy
- Engineering
- Science
- Education
- Environmental Analysis



# Small Business P2 and Environmental Compliance Assistance Program

# Environmental Management Systems

# ASSISTANCE

# R.E.A.C.H.

# Mercury Management

# Chemical Management in Schools

# P2 Programs

# SUSTAINABILITY

# Green Technology Institute

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# Green Engineering Internship

# Green Cleaning

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## Environmental Excellence Awards

## Environmental Leaders



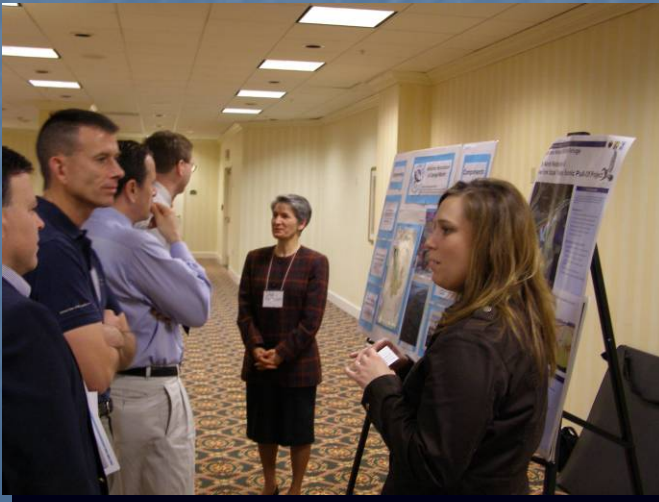


# Small Business P2 & Environmental Compliance Assistance Program



## ECL Article 28

- Coordinating Council (P2/CA)
  - - DEC, EFC, ESD, NYSERDA, NYSTAR
- Compliance & On-Site Technical Assistance
- Workshops & Outreach



# Environmental Results Program

- Partnership with EQ Programs
- Sector specific
  - Education/Training
  - Self Certification
  - Measuring and monitoring performance
- Improves sector compliance





# R.E.A.C.H.

Registration,  
Evaluation,  
Authorization and restriction of  
Chemicals



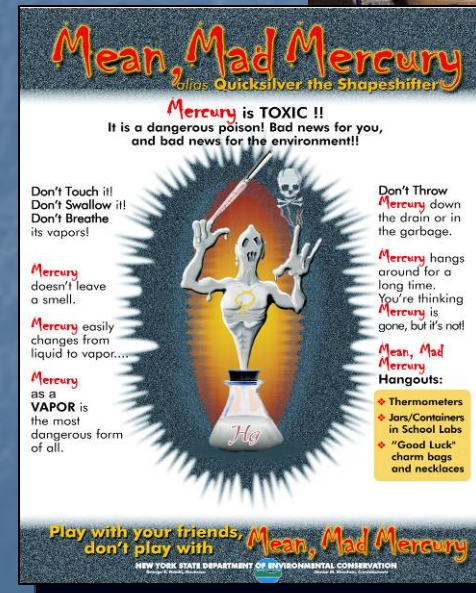
## Partnering w/ ESD and Industry

- to provide outreach to ensure NY businesses are equipped to comply with new law
- to help NY businesses remain competitive in the global market



# Mercury Management

- Promote mercury reduction in schools
  - (20 workshops statewide)
- Mercury clean outs in Rochester and Albany County school districts
  - (>600 lbs.)
  - Non-mercury replacements
- Mercury Task Force





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# Chemical Management in Schools



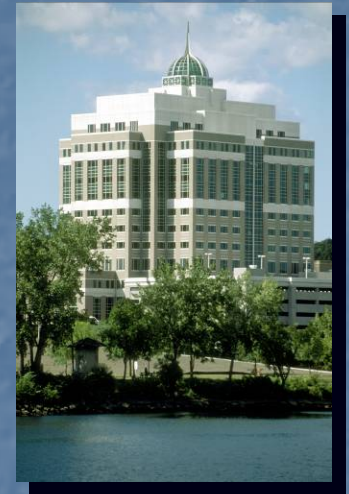
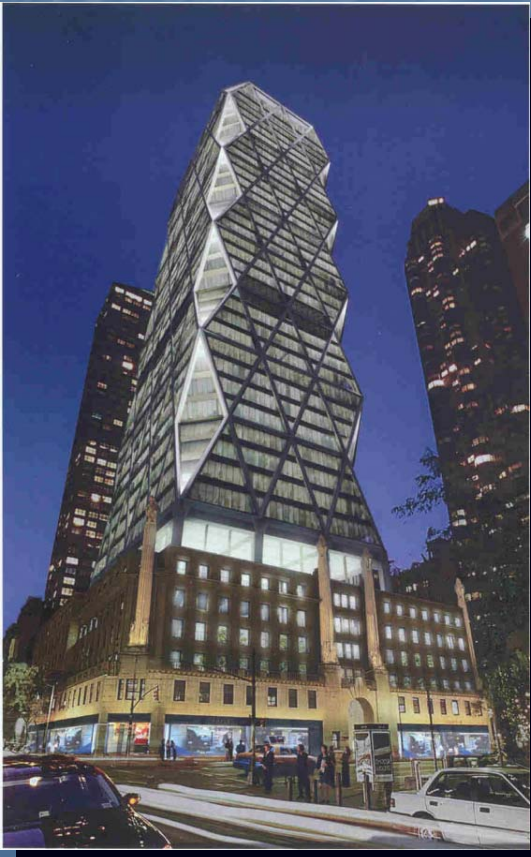
- Statewide workshops on chemical management/chemical clean outs
- Introduce green chemistry concepts
- Student involvement





# Green Buildings

- Green Building Tax Credit Program
  - energy efficiency
  - recycled & sustainable materials
  - renewable energy
  - indoor air quality
- Interagency Strategy
  - DHCR, SEd, NYSERDA, DEC
- LED Initiative (DEC facilities)





# Environmental Excellence Awards

- **Recognizes**
  - Innovation
  - Sustainability
  - Creative Partnerships
- **Honors**
  - Businesses
  - Not-For-Profits
  - Governments
  - Academia
  - Individuals





# Whoops!

- Problem

- Packet

- Deadline

- July 11

- Should

- Awards in late fall 2007



June 5<sup>th</sup>

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# New York Environmental Leaders

- Commissioner's Policy CP-40
- Motivate and sustain high environmental performance
- Provide recognition and incentives to members



# Green Technology Institute



- Pollution Prevention Unit's Role
  - RFP development
  - Advisory Board





# Green Engineering Internship

- Partnership with Clarkson University
- Successful model at Philips
- Goals
  - Reduce toxics, wastes
  - Reduce energy, water use
  - Save \$\$\$
- Sectors to be targeted
  - Chemicals
  - Electronics
  - Paper & pulp
  - Plastics
  - Pharmaceuticals
  - Energy/Biofuels



# Green Cleaning

- Schools legislation and EO– require environmentally sensitive cleaning & maintenance products
- Assist in guidelines & standards
- Promote awareness
- Reduce or minimize risks
- Identify/qualify products
- Apply lessons learned to other green procurement

For more information...

<http://www.ogs.state.ny.us/purchase/GreenPurchasing.asp>

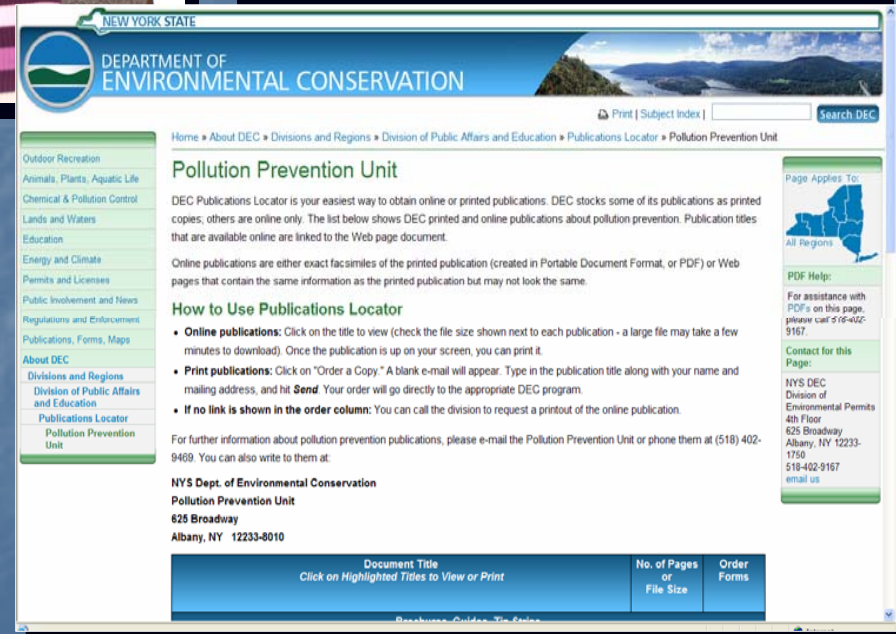


# Outreach Programs

- Workshops
- Materials
- Website
- State Fair
- Earth Day Activities



- There is a serious problem, or an important opportunity; one that has to be addressed.
- You are the right entity to address it; in fact, given your mission, it would be irresponsible for you not to address it.
- The way you are going about it, your approach, is reasonable, sensible and responsible.
- You are listening and you do care about the costs, negative effects and hardships this action will cause to people.



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# P2 Workshops

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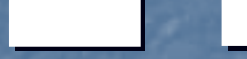
Metal Finishers (15)



**Solvents (2)**



Printers (8)



**Veh Maint./Dismantler (12)**



NYS Agency (15)



**Electronics (4)**



Inst. Facilities-Campus (7)



**Healthcare (6)**



Marinas (12)



**Golf (1)**



Sustainability (3)



**Mercury (21)**



# Outreach Materials

- 
- Small Quantity Generators
  - Business & Local Govt.
  - Auto Recyclers
  - Campus Based Org.
  - Electronics & Computer
  - Env. Mgt Systems (EMS)
  - Farming
  - Food Processing
  - Health Care
  - Lithographic Printers
  - Marina (video)
  - Metal Finishing
  - Plumbers
  - Pulp & Paper
  - Ski Industry (video)
  - Vehicle Maint Shops
  - Wood Furniture & Fixture



# P2 is an Investment in a Sustainable Tomorrow

