

MISCELLANEOUS NOTICES/HEARINGS

Notice of Abandoned Property Received by the State Comptroller

Pursuant to provisions of the Abandoned Property Law and related laws, the Office of the State Comptroller receives unclaimed monies and other property deemed abandoned. A list of the names and last known addresses of the entitled owners of this abandoned property is maintained by the office in accordance with Section 1401 of the Abandoned Property Law. Interested parties may inquire if they appear on the Abandoned Property Listing by contacting the Office of Unclaimed Funds, Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., at:

1-800-221-9311 (In New York State)
(518) 270-2200 (Outside New York State)

or visit our web site at:
www.osc.state.ny.us

Claims for abandoned property must be filed with the New York State Comptroller's Office of Unclaimed Funds as provided in Section 1406 of the Abandoned Property Law. For further information contact: Office of the State Comptroller, Office of Unclaimed Funds, 110 State St., Albany, NY 12236

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Commission on Education Reform

On September 3, 2003, Governor George E. Pataki issued an Executive Order creating the New York State Commission on Education Reform. He charged the Commission with studying and recommending to his office and Legislature suggested reforms to the education finance system in New York State and to any other state or local laws, rules, regulations, collective bargaining agreements, policies or practices to ensure that all children have the opportunity to obtain a sound basic education, in accordance with the requirements of Article XI, section one of the State Constitution and applicable decisional law.

In order to receive input from the public on its charge, the Commission will hold six public hearings around the State to be chaired by Frank Macchiarola, President of St. Francis College, Brooklyn. The Commission is looking for the following questions to be addressed by the testimony, both oral and written.

1. What reforms to the state's system of education finance are needed to ensure an effective, efficient and accountable system of funding public education that provides all public school students with the opportunity to acquire a sound basic education?
2. What reforms to State and local laws, rules, regulations, collective bargaining agreements, polices and practices are needed to ensure an effective, efficient and accountable system of funding public education that provides all public school students with the opportunity to acquire a sound basic education? Reforms may address:
 - a. The allocation of educational resources including funding, teachers and other essential educational inputs, within a school district;
 - b. The proportion of educational resources, including funding, teachers and other essential educational inputs, that reaches the classroom;
 - c. The funding obligations of local school districts and cities containing dependent school districts, including maintenance of effort requirements;
 - d. The over-referral and over-placement of students in restrictive special-education settings;
 - e. The Governance of public schools at the State and local levels;
 - f. Mandate relief; and
 - g. The construction, maintenance and financing of school facilities.
3. What improvements may be made to the accountability systems to ensure that all public schools are offering students the opportunity to acquire a sound basic education and are operating in an efficient and effective manner? Reforms may address:
 - a. Aligning the implementation of existing federal and state accountability mechanisms, including the federal No Child Left Behind Act and the state Schools Under Registration Review (SURR) process, to the sound basic education standard;
 - b. Methods to improve the accountability of State and local officials and entities charged with overseeing and managing the State's public schools;
 - c. Methods to improve the accountability of school administrators, teachers and other school personnel for the efficient and effective delivery of educational services; and
 - d. Methods to improve the accountability of students and their parents for regular attendance of classes, appropriate discipline and adequate preparation.
4. Should the State explore alternative diploma standards for students who have acquired a meaningful high school education that enables them to function productively as civic participants in contemporary society?
5. The commission will carefully consider the effect of its recommendations on school property taxes, particularly for elderly and disabled homeowners. Given this fact, what alternatives should be considered for generating any new State and/or local resources that may be required as a result of the Commission's recommendations?

The following are dates and locations of the first three public hearings ordered by the Commission:

DATE: Friday, December 12, 2003
 TIME: 12:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M.
 LOCATION: Adam Clayton Powell State Office Building
 163 West 125th St.
 New York, NY 10037

DATE: Thursday, December 18, 2003
 TIME: 12:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M.
 LOCATION:
 Senator Walter J. Mahoney State Office Building
 Part 1 Hearing Room (off building Lobby)
 65 Court Street
 Buffalo, NY 14203

DATE: Friday, December 19, 2003
 TIME: 11:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.
 LOCATION:
 Monroe County Office Building
 39 Main Street, Room 406
 Rochester, NY 14614

Accommodations for persons with disabilities will be made at the public hearings. All speakers are urged to provide a written copy of their testimony. Individuals who are unable to attend may submit written comments to Steven Williams at the New York State Commission on Education Reform, Agency Building 4, Empire State Plaza, Albany, NY 12224 or via e-mail to steve.williams@chamber.state.ny.us. Comments sent by mail must be postmarked by January 15, 2004. E-mail comments must also be sent by this date. Individuals wishing to present testimony at a public hearing are requested to contact Steven Williams (518) 402-5424. Fax (518) 402-5906

**NOTICE OF
 PUBLIC HEARING**

Department of Environmental Conservation
 Notice of Draft Hazardous Waste Facility Siting Plan,
 Acceptance of Supporting Draft Generic EIS,
 and Associated Public Hearings

Pursuant to Chapter 618 of the New York Laws of 1987 and Environmental Conservation Law (ECL) 27-1102, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (Department) has prepared a draft Hazardous Waste Facility Siting Plan. The Department, as lead agency, has determined that a generic Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is necessary and has prepared the draft generic EIS on the New York State Draft Hazardous Waste Facility Siting Plan. Legislative Public Hearings will be held on the draft Hazardous Waste Facility Siting Plan (Siting Plan) and the supporting draft generic EIS.

Time, Date, and Place: Legislative public hearings to receive comments from the public on the draft Siting Plan and the draft generic EIS will be held at:

SUNY at Stony Brook Marine Sciences Research Ctr. South Campus - Endeavor Hall Conference Center Room 120	NYSDEC Region 2 Office 11-15 47th Avenue Room 106 - Annex Building 11101 (718) 482-4900 January 7, 2004 1:00 p.m.	NYSDEC Region 3 Office Basement Meeting Room 21 South Putt Corners Rd. Long Island City, NY New Paltz, NY 12561 (845) 256-3136 January 7, 2004 1:00 p.m.
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NYSDEC Region 4 Office
Room 112
1150 North Westcott Rd.
Schenectady, NY 12306
(518) 357-2045
January 7, 2004
1:00 p.m.

NYSDEC Region 5 Office
Main Conference Room
Route 86
Ray Brook, NY 12977
(518) 897-1242
January 7, 2004
1:00 p.m.

State Office Building
Conference Room 1
317 Washington St.
Watertown, NY 13204
315-785-2245
January 7, 2004
1:00 p.m.

NYSDEC Region 7 Office
Hearing Room
615 Erie Boulevard West
Syracuse, NY 13204
315-426-7471
January 7, 2004
2:00 p.m.

NYSDEC Region 8 Offices
Main Conference Room
6274 East Avon-Lima Road
Avon, NY 14414-9519
(585) 226-5408 or 226-5444
January 7, 2004
1:00 p.m.

Niagara Falls Public Library
Main Auditorium
Earl W. Brydges Bldg.
1425 Main St.
Niagara Falls, NY 14305
(716) 286-4905
January 7, 2004
2:30 - 4:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Purpose: The Siting Plan is to be used as guidance by any hazardous waste facility siting board reviewing proposals for siting certain new or expanded hazardous waste management facilities within New York State and for Department and other State government agencies to use to assure the availability of sufficient hazardous waste facility capacity. This, in turn, will help avoid potentially significant adverse impacts, such as impacts to air, land, water, or public health due to improper management of hazardous wastes.

The hearing locations are reasonably accessible to the mobility-impaired. Interpreter services can be made available to the hearing-impaired at no charge, upon request to the Department within a reasonable time period prior to the hearings.

All persons, organizations, corporations or government agencies, etc., which may be affected by the proposed Siting Plan are invited to attend the hearings and to submit either written or oral statements. The hearing session will continue until all persons wishing to make statements have been heard. Reasonable time limits may be set for each speaker to afford everyone an opportunity to be heard. Lengthy statements should be submitted in writing and summarized for oral presentation. Written statements received prior to the close of the public comment period and oral statements made at each hearing session will be given equal weight.

Written statements must be received by close of business, January 19, 2004, addressed to Mr. Glenn Milstrey, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, Division of Solid and Hazardous Materials, 625 Broadway, Albany, New York 12233-7251, faxed to: (518) 402-9024, or e-mailed to HWSiting@gw.dec.state.ny.us.

The draft Siting Plan and the draft generic EIS can be found on the Department's website at www.dec.state.ny.us/website/dsh/index.html, under the Division of Solid and Hazardous Materials' "What's New" section. A hard copy is also available at each of the nine Department Regional Offices.

For further information, contact: Glenn Milstrey, at (518) 402-8612, or Deborah Aldrich, at (518) 402-8730, Department of Environmental Conservation, Division of Solid and Hazardous Materials, 625 Broadway, Albany, New York 12233-7251, HWSiting@gw.dec.state.ny.us

PUBLIC NOTICE
 Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services

The New York State Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services (OASAS) hereby gives notice, pursuant to Section 1941 of the Public Health Service Act, of the opportunity for public review of the "Federal Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant – Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2004 Annual Synar Report" (Synar Report), which describes New York State's compliance with Federal requirements regarding the sale of tobacco products to youth under the age of 18.

The period of review will be from December 10, 2003 through December 17, 2003 at the following OASAS field offices:

New York City Field Office
501 Seventh Avenue, 8th Floor
New York, NY 10018-5903

Long Island Field Office
Pilgrim Psychiatric Center Campus, Building 1
998 Crooked Hill Road
West Brentwood, NY 11717-1087

Western New York Field Office
1021 Main Street
Buffalo, NY 14203-1016

Finger Lakes Field Office
109 South Union Street
Rochester, NY 14607-1893
Northeastern & Mid-Hudson Field Offices
1450 Western Avenue, 2nd Floor
Albany, NY 12203-3526

Central Field Office
JF Hughes State Office Building
333 East Washington Street - Room 548
Syracuse, NY 13202-1422

For further information, contact: Terrence Jackson, Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services, 1450 Western Ave., Albany, NY 12203-3526, (518) 485-1366, TerryJackson@OASAS.state.ny.us

PUBLIC NOTICE

Division of Criminal Justice Services
Motor Vehicle Theft and Insurance Fraud Prevention Board

Pursuant to Public Officers Law Section 104, the Division of Criminal Justice Services gives notice of a meeting of the Motor Vehicle Theft and Insurance Fraud Prevention Board:

DATE: Wednesday, December 10, 2003
TIME: 10:30 am
PLACE: HIDTA Center
88 10th Avenue, 3rd Floor
New York, NY 10011

If you have any questions regarding the meeting, please contact: Schellie Tedesco, Office of Funding and Program Assistance, Division of Criminal Justice Services, Four Tower Place, Albany, NY 12203, (518) 457-8404

PUBLIC NOTICE

Department of Health

Pursuant to 42 CFR Section 447.205, the Department of Health hereby gives public notice of the following:

The Department of Health proposes to amend the Title XIX (Medicaid) State Plan for the Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE), effective January 1, 2004, as indicated below.

The Department proposes to amend the State Plan by deleting the Upper Payment Limit and Rate Methodology description contained in the present State Plan due to modifications in the premium rate structure

effective January 1, 2004. Rates will continue to be subject to the upper payment limit provisions under 42 CFR 460.182.

There would be no impact on the annual aggregate Medicaid expenditures with regard to this amendment, since the rate methodology changes do not increase or decrease the total payments made to PACE providers.

Copies of the proposed state plan amendment are on file in each local (county) social services district and are available for public view.

For the New York City district, copies are available at the following places:

New York County
250 Church Street
New York, New York 10018

Queens County, Queens Center
3220 Northern Boulevard
Long Island City, New York 11101

Kings County, Fulton Center
114 Willoughby Street
Brooklyn, New York 11201

Bronx County, Tremont Center
1916 Monterey Avenue
Bronx, New York 10457

Richmond County, Richmond Center
95 Central Avenue, St. George
Staten Island, New York 10301

The public is invited to review and comment on this proposed state plan amendment. For further information and to review and comment please contact: Mr. William R. Johnson, NYS Department of Health, Office of Regulatory Reform, Mayor Erastus Corning 2nd Tower Building, Empire State Plaza, Room 2415, Albany, New York 12237, (518) 473-7488, fax: (518) 486-4834, e-mail: REGSQNA@health.state.ny.us

PUBLIC NOTICE

Uniform Code Regional Boards of Review

Pursuant to 19 NYCRR 1205, the petitions below have been received by the Department of State for action by the Uniform Code Regional Boards of Review. Unless otherwise indicated, they involve requests for relief from provisions of the New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code. Persons wishing to review any petitions, provide comments, or receive actual notices of any subsequent proceeding may contact Roy Scott, Codes Division, Department of State, 41 State Street, Albany, NY 12231, (518) 474-4073 to make appropriate arrangements.

2003-0691 Matter of Frank J. Wailand, F.J. Wailand Associates, Inc., 3922 Seneca Street, West Seneca, New York 14224 representing 600 Cayuga Road, Inc. for a variance concerning fire-safety requirements, including handicapped accessibility.

Involved is the construction of a warehouse. The building is located at 600 Cayuga Road, Town of Cheektowaga, County of Erie, State of New York.

2003-0695 Matter of St. Mary's Apartments, LLC, 8588 Katy Freeway, Houston, TX 77024-1819 for variances concerning sprinkler system in the building.

Involved is alteration to an existing four story building, of masonry and wood construction, for multiple dwelling occupancy with approximate gross floor area 118,000 square feet, located at 400 Mill Street, Town of Amherst, County of Erie, State of New York.