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FACT SHEET: HIGH-VOLUME HYDRAULIC FRACTURING SGEIS TIME LINE

PRESENT:

January 2011:

- Governor Cuomo continued Executive Order No. 41 for DEC to publish a Revised Draft Supplemental Generic Environmental Impact Statement (SGEIS) on or about June 1, 2011 and to accept public comments for at least 30 days

July 2011:

- DEC releases 2011 draft SGEIS

August 2011:

- Updated 2011 SGEIS released to include socioeconomic and community impacts analyses
- 60-day public comment period begins

PAST:

July 2008:

- DEC determined a SGEIS for horizontal drilling and high-volume hydraulic fracturing was warranted

October 2008:

- Draft Scope released for public review
- Six public scoping sessions held in Catskills and Southern Tier
    - More than 180 verbal comments received at the sessions. More than 3,770 written comments received on the draft scope.

February 2009:

- Final scope released, which outlined the detailed analysis required for a thorough understanding of the potentially significant environmental impact of horizontal drilling and high-volume hydraulic fracturing

September 2009:

- First draft SGEIS released for public review and comment

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October – November 2009:

- Four public hearings held on first draft of SGEIS in New York City, the Catskills and Southern Tier.
    - More than 2,500 people attended the hearings and more than 200 verbal comments made by individuals, local government officials, environmental group representatives, oil and gas industry members and others.
    - DEC also received transcripts of four additional hearings held by the New York State Assembly, the City of Oneonta and the Tompkins County Council of Governments.
    - Nearly 13,300 comments received in total on the first draft SGEIS

April 2010:

- DEC announced that proposed projects in the New York City and City of Syracuse watersheds would need to undergo an additional and separate environmental review process to fully analyze the individual and potential cumulative impacts unique to these watersheds, which would not be included in the GEIS.