



**REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS  
TO DEVELOP AND OPERATE  
A GAMING FACILITY IN NEW YORK STATE**

**SEQR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENTS**

June 20, 2014

Applicants for Gaming Facility licenses are encouraged to commence promptly the State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) process, if they have not yet done so. The Commission is an involved agency in the SEQR process and, as such, provides the following guidance with respect to the environmental impact statement (EIS) each Applicant is expected to complete in connection with its proposed Gaming Facility project. This guidance supplements, but does not replace, any guidance of a lead or other involved agency in the SEQR process. Each Applicant is encouraged to conduct a full review of the SEQR statute, Article 8 (State Environmental Quality Review Act) of the Environmental Conservation Law, and regulations, 6 NYCRR Part 617, to determine the Applicant's obligations thereunder.

**An Applicant's EIS should address the local and regional impacts of the proposed Gaming Facility on:**

1. Traffic and roadway infrastructure;
2. Cultural institutions;
3. Water demand, supply and infrastructure capacity;
4. Waste water production, discharge, and infrastructure capacity;
5. Storm water discharge and management;

6. Electricity demand and infrastructure capacity;
7. Protected habitats and species; and
8. Light pollution.

**An Applicant's EIS should also address the extent to which the Gaming Facility will implement, pursuant to N.Y. Racing, Pari-Mutuel Wagering and Breeding Law § 1320.3(c), sustainable development principles, including:**

1. New and renovation construction certified under the appropriate certification category in the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Green Building Rating System created by the United States Green Building Council;
2. Efforts to mitigate traffic impacts;
3. Efforts to conserve water and manage storm water;
4. Usage of Energy Star labeled electrical and HVAC equipment and appliances where available;
5. Procuring or generating on-site ten (10) percent of its annual electricity consumption from renewable sources; and
6. Development of an ongoing plan to submeter and monitor all major sources of energy consumption and undertake regular efforts to maintain and improve energy efficiency of buildings in their systems.

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