



DASNY

KATHY HOCHUL
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SENT VIA EMAIL ONLY

Date: February 1, 2024

To: Distribution List

Re: *DASNY State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) Lead Agency Request for the New York State Department of Health's New York State Life Sciences Public Health Laboratory (New York State Department of Health Capital Projects Program)*

The Dormitory Authority of the State of New York ("DASNY") has received a request from the New York State Department of Health ("NYSDOH") for its *New York State Life Sciences Public Health Laboratory*, at the W. Averell Harriman State Office Building Campus ("Harriman Campus"), pursuant to NYSDOH's Capital Projects Program. The Harriman Campus is flanked by Washington Avenue to the north, Western Avenue to the south, University at Albany to the west, and New York State Route 85 to the east, in Albany, Albany County, New York.

For the purposes of the *New York State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA")*, the Proposed Action would consist of DASNY's approval of a construction application filed pursuant to Section 2802 of the *Public Health Law ("PHL")* that would centralize and consolidate NYSDOH's existing operations of Wadsworth Center laboratory, currently located in five separate facilities located throughout the Capital Region.

More specifically, the *New York State Life Sciences Public Health Laboratory* project would redevelop a vacant, approximately 27-acre area on the southeastern portion of the Harriman Campus with a new, four-story building plus mechanical floor, totaling approximately 647,000 gross square feet ("gsf"), and a surface parking lot with approximately 930 parking spaces (the "Proposed Project"). The Proposed Project would maximize resources for public health testing and research collaborations within a purpose-built, state-of-the-art laboratory facility.

Under the provisions of *SEQR*, DASNY has made a preliminary determination that the Proposed Project is a Type I action as specifically designated by 6 *N.Y.C.R.R.* 617.4(b)(6)(i) and 617.4(b)(6)(vi). DASNY proposes to designate itself as lead agency and conduct a coordinated *SEQR* process among involved agencies. If a written objection is not submitted to the DASNY within 30 days of the mailing of this notification, DASNY will assume the lead agency role for the purposes of conducting a coordinated *SEQR* for the Proposed Project.

Enclosed is a copy of a *Full Environmental Assessment Form ("FEAF") – Part 1* and supporting documentation, the *Distribution List of Involved Agencies and Interested Parties*, and a lead agency concurrence form; please complete the form and email to me at mstanley@dasny.org at your earliest convenience.



Should you have any written *SEQR* questions or comments, please submit them to me at: **Mr. Matthew A. Stanley, AICP, Senior Environmental Manager, Office of Environmental Affairs, DASNY, 28 Liberty Street, 55th Floor, New York, New York 10005** or at email address mstanley@dasny.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Matthew A. Stanley". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Matthew A. Stanley, AICP
Senior Environmental Manager
Office of Environmental Affairs

Enclosures

cc: Mr. Robert S. Derico, R.A.
Mr. Paul McCoy, AIC, CPC
SEQR File



**Dormitory Authority of the State of New York
SEQR Lead Agency Concurrence
*New York State Life Sciences Public Health Laboratory***

Date:

The _____ (agency name), having received the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York's ("DASNY") lead agency request letter and the Environmental Assessment Form – Part 1 and supporting documentation, concurs with DASNY serving as lead agency for the State Environmental Quality Review ("SEQR") of the New York State Department of Health's *New York State Life Sciences Public Health Laboratory*.

Signature

Print Name and Title