

# Consultation, Review, and Comment on the Environmental Review Record in Response to COVID-19

Due to the National Emergency Concerning the Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Outbreak and restrictions on personal interactions, the Office of Environment and Energy (OEE) is expanding the options for public review of the Environmental Review Record (ERR).

## Public Availability of the ERR

During the National Emergency concerning COVID-19, the Responsible Entity (RE) should work with the public to provide the ERR electronically or via U.S. mail upon request. The RE may also make the ERR available electronically on the official RE website. If the RE chooses to make the ERR available via email, U.S. mail, or online, the public notice should be updated to include the following language, as applicable:

Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR). The ERR will be made available to the public for review either electronically or by U.S. mail. Please submit your request by U.S. mail to (RE address) or by email to (RE email address). The ERR can be accessed online at the following website (RE website).

## Accepting Public Comments

If the RE chooses to send the ERR to the public for review via U.S. mail, the RE should allow for flexibilities in the timing of the public comment period. For example, if a copy of the ERR is requested via U.S. mail on day 12 of the 15 day public comment period, the RE should allow enough time for the ERR to be mailed to the recipient and for the recipient to respond with comments. In this case, the RE should establish a timeframe for accepting comments with the person requesting the ERR.

## Submitting Objections

Due to OCR staff working remotely, any objections to OCR's release of funds should now be sent via email during the objection period to Crystal.Loffler@nyshcr.org.

REs should work with OCR Program staff to include in the public notice using the following language:

Objections must be prepared and submitted via email in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to [OCR] at [Crystal.Loffler@nyshcr.org]. Potential objectors should contact [OCRINFO@nyshcr.org] via email to verify the actual last day of the objection period.