



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION 2
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November 28, 2022

Mr. Basil Seggos
Commissioner
New York State Department of Environmental Conservation
625 Broadway
Albany, NY 12233-3254

Dear Commissioner Seggos:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 2 Office ("EPA") will be conducting an audit of the New York State's Operating Permit Program over the next few months. Since EPA's December 5, 2001, final full approval of New York's Operating Permit Program, an evaluation or audit has been conducted every four years by EPA (beginning in 2006). The purpose of the evaluation is to ensure that New York administers its Operating Permit Program consistent with EPA regulations and the terms it was approved.

In accordance with NYSDEC's process, this letter of engagement serves to inform you that EPA Region 2 has initiated the fifth audit of New York's Operating Permit Program. Please refer to the attached detailed questionnaire that requires NYSDEC's response within 60 days of the date of this letter. An informal copy of this questionnaire was previously shared with your staff on September 28, 2022.

We appreciate in advance NYSDEC's cooperation with this audit. We look forward to receiving a response to the questions included in the attachment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Lisa F. Garcia".

Lisa F. Garcia
Regional Administrator

Attachments

cc: Andrew B. Fischler, NYSDEC
Christopher LaLone, NYSDEC