

SEQR Glossary

SEQR *State Environmental Quality Review* Say “Seeker”
A process for reviewing the environmental impacts of proposed projects. Required by state law in New York State.

SEQRA *State Environmental Quality Review Act* Say “Seek-ra”
The act of the New York state legislature instituting SEQR. In effect since November 1978.

Type I Action

Actions that are presumed to have a significant adverse impact on the environment and are more likely to require preparation of an EIS. Full list is in 6 NYCRR §617.4.

Type II Action

Categorical exclusions from SEQR. Actions that are determined not to have a significant adverse impact on the environment. Never require further environmental review. Full list is in 6 NYCRR §617.5.

Unlisted Action

An action that is neither Type I nor Type II. May have a significant adverse impact on the environment.

Involved Agency

Any state or local agency, department, board, authority, district, commission, public benefit corporation, or governing body that has jurisdiction by law to fund, approve or directly undertake an action.

Lead Agency

The involved agency principally responsible for undertaking, funding or approving an action. Responsible for determining whether an EIS is required, and for preparing and filing the EIS if one is required.

EAF *Environmental Assessment Form*

Forms used by an agency to assist it in determining the environmental significance or nonsignificance of actions. SEQR regulations provide model full and short EAFs. Part 1 is completed by the project applicant or sponsor. Parts 2 and 3 are completed by the lead agency.

EIS *Environmental Impact Statement*

A document that lists and analyzes the significant environmental impacts of a proposed action. Provides a means for agencies, project sponsors and the public to systematically consider significant adverse environmental impacts, alternatives and mitigation.

Resources for the SEQR Process

Main NYS DEC webpage about SEQR

<http://www.dec.ny.gov/permits/357.html>

SEQR Regulations: 6 NYCRR Part 617

Online at: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/regs/4490.html>

Proposed Amendments to the SEQR Regulations

Description and final scope online at: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/permits/83389.html>

SEQR Forms

Including the current short EAF and full EAF

Online at: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/permits/6191.html>

Draft Revised EAFs

Scheduled to become effective on October 7, 2013

Online at: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/permits/70293.html>

Draft EAF Workbooks

For the short EAF: <http://www.nysseaf.net/>

For the full EAF: <http://www.nysfeaf.net/>

SEQR Handbook

Answers to (nearly) all of your questions about environmental review and the SEQR process

Online at: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/permits/6188.html>

SEQR Cookbook

A step-by-step discussion of the basic SEQR process

Online at: http://www.dec.ny.gov/docs/permits_ej_operations_pdf/cookbook1.pdf

Stepping Through the SEQR Process

An online step-by-step guide

<http://www.dec.ny.gov/permits/6189.html>

Local Official's Guide to SEQR

http://www.dec.ny.gov/docs/permits_ej_operations_pdf/seqrofficials.pdf

Citizen's Guide to SEQR

http://www.dec.ny.gov/docs/permits_ej_operations_pdf/seqrcitizen.pdf

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