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Subject: Notice of Public Scoping, Hughes Energy Solid Waste Management Facility; DEC ID# 4-1248-00321
Attachments: 2021.10.18 Draft Scoping Notice Document.pdf

Good afternoon,

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) has previously notified you of its determination that the proposed Hughes Energy, LLC solid waste management facility has the potential for significant adverse environmental impacts and has issued a State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQR) Positive Declaration.

DEC is now providing you with the draft scoping outline and a public notice concerning the draft scoping document (attached). **As indicated in the public notice, written comments on the draft scoping document are being accepted by DEC through November 20, 2021.**

DEC will be providing notice of the comment period in the October 20, 2021 issue of its on-line Environmental Notice Bulletin. The applicant is responsible for publishing all of the information in the public notice in local Delaware County newspaper once during the week of October 20, 2021. Please obtain an affidavit of public notice from the newspaper office and email it to me at your convenience. It is the applicant's responsibility to distribute these documents to the Environmental Justice Stakeholder list.

Please feel free to reach out with questions on this process. Comments can be directed to the designated email inbox for this facility: Comment.HughesRoxbury2021@dec.ny.gov

Sincerely,

Kate Kornak

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Via e-mail (dane.mcspedon@hughesenergygroup.com) and US Mail

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RE: SEQR – Notice of Positive Declaration and Public Scoping
Hughes Energy LLC Solid Waste Management Facility
Town of Roxbury, Delaware County
DEC Application No. 4-1248-00321

Dear Dane McSpedon:

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) has previously notified you of its determination that the above-referenced Hughes Energy, LLC solid waste management facility has the potential for significant adverse environmental impacts and issuance of a State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQR) Positive Declaration.

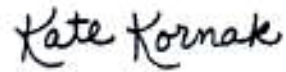
In accordance with the public scoping procedures outlined in the SEQR regulations (6 NYCRR § 617.8), we are now providing you with the draft scoping outline and a public notice concerning the draft scoping document (copies enclosed). **As indicated in the public notice, written comments on the draft scoping document are being accepted by DEC through November 20, 2021.**

By copy of this letter and its enclosures, we are also notifying all of the interested/involved agencies of the availability of the draft scoping document and the opportunities for public comment. It is the applicant's responsibility to distribute these documents to the Environmental Justice Stakeholder list.

DEC will be providing notice of the comment period in the October 20, 2021 issue of its on-line Environmental Notice Bulletin. The applicant is responsible for publishing all of the information in the public notice in local Delaware County newspaper once during the week of October 20, 2021. Please obtain an affidavit of public notice and email it to me at your convenience.

Thank you for your cooperation in making the necessary arrangements for the public to obtain information on this proposal. If you have any questions about publication of the notice or any other matters related to the scoping process, please feel free to contact me at kate.kornak@dec.ny.gov.

Sincerely,



Kate Kornak
Regional Permit Administrator

Enclosures – Notice of Public Scoping
Draft Scoping Outline

Distribution List (all w/enclosures):

- Town of Roxbury
- Town of Prattsville
- Delaware County Department of Planning
- Delaware County Department of Public Health
- NYC DEP Bureau of Water Supply
- NYS Office of Attorney General
- NYS Department of Transportation
- NYS Department of Health
- NYS Department of Environmental Conservation
- NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation
- US Army Corps of Engineers

New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQR)

Notice of Public Scoping

Hughes Energy, LLC Solid Waste Management Facility

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), as Lead Agency pursuant to 6 NYCRR Part 617 (SEQR), has determined by its issuance of a SEQR Positive Declaration that the proposed construction and operation of a new solid waste management facility proposed by Hughes Energy, LLC has the potential to create at least one significant adverse impact on the environment and therefore a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (Draft EIS) must be prepared. The proposed facility is located on a ~40-acre parcel (Tax Parcel 113.-1-25) along State Route 23 in the Town of Roxbury, Delaware County. As proposed, the facility would process up to 176,400 tons per year of municipal solid waste into a marketable fiber product using a proprietary steam composting and mechanical processing system. The proposal includes construction of a ~115,000 sf processing building, a ~9,500 sf administrative office and maintenance shop, a new commercial driveway, parking areas, and stormwater control structures. A draft scoping document has been prepared to outline the content of the required Draft EIS.

A written public comment period pursuant to 6 NYCRR Part 617 has commenced to gather public input on the draft scoping document and proposed content of the Draft EIS.

Written comments on the draft scoping document are being accepted by DEC and must be submitted by mail or e-mail to the contact person listed below by November 30, 2021. Written comments should be limited in content to comments on potential significant adverse impacts. General opposition to the proposal cannot be accommodated within the scoping document or the Draft EIS.

A copy of the draft scoping document and SEQR Positive Declaration may be viewed on the DEC Hughes Energy webpage: <https://www.dec.ny.gov/permits/123992.html>

Paper copies of the draft scoping document and SEQR Positive Declaration may be viewed at the following public document repositories from 9am-5pm Monday through Friday:

Town of Roxbury Town Hall – 53690 Route 30 Roxbury, NY 12474 and the

Town of Prattsville Town Hall – 14517 Main Street, Prattsville, NY 12468

Contact Person: Kate Kornak, Regional Permit Administrator, NYSDEC Region 4, 1130 North Westcott Rd. Schenectady NY 12306

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STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW ACT (SEQRA)
DRAFT SCOPING DOCUMENT
HUGHES ENERGY, LLC. SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITY
DEC ID# 4-1248-00321

Pursuant to 6 NYCRR 617.8(b), a project sponsor must submit a draft scope that contains the items identified within section 617.8(e) to the Lead Agency. The Lead Agency must provide a copy of the draft scope to all involved agencies and make it available to any individual or interested agency that has expressed an interest in writing to the lead agency.

The following Draft Scoping Document has been prepared by the applicant, Hughes Energy, LLC. with their consultant, Sterling Environmental Engineering, P.C., and was submitted to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, as Lead Agency under SEQRA, on October 1, 2021.

The Lead Agency has identified potential significant environmental impacts and will consider comments raised during public scoping to determine the final scope of impacts to be included within the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.