

August 9, 2010

RE: Cayuga County Emergency Communications Project -- Notice of Scoping for Draft Generic Environmental Impact Statement

Dear _____:

As you are aware, Cayuga County is considering the development of an emergency radio system upgrade for voice and data radio communications services to enable public safety and public service entities operating within the County to better respond to and protect our citizens.

In July, the County confirmed its establishment as lead agency for the State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA") review of this project. The County also notified all potentially involved or interested agencies that it had segmented the review of the proposed action pursuant to 6 NYCRR § 617.3(g)(1). The County issued a Negative Declaration of Significance regarding the segmented portion, the Design Project, on June 29, 2010.

The remaining activities involved with the proposed action are those that involve project construction and operation. The County recognized that the size and scope of the proposed action may result in a potentially significant adverse impact on the environment. Therefore, the County, as lead agency, made a Positive Determination of Significance regarding the Project and directed that a Draft Generic Environmental Impact Statement ("DGEIS") be prepared. This determination was made in accordance with SEQRA.

The County has elected to engage in scoping pursuant to SEQRA. The County invites you to participate in the scoping process, to help focus the DGEIS on potentially significant adverse impacts of the Project and to eliminate consideration of impacts that are not significant or relevant. A copy of the lead agency's Draft Scope of the DGEIS and its Notice of Scoping is enclosed with this letter.

The County will hold a public scoping session at the County Office Building, 6th Floor Chambers, 160 Genesee St., Auburn, NY 13021 on August 16, 2010 at 2 p.m. as part of the preparation of the DGEIS. Notice of the scoping session will also be published in one or more newspapers and has been published in the ENB in its July 21, 2010 edition. In addition to the scheduled scoping session, the lead agency will receive written comments on the Draft Scope at the address specified in the attached Notice of Scoping until the close of business on Tuesday, September 7, 2010.

We shall continue to keep you informed of the progress of this project.

Sincerely,