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**Treatment and Disposal of Landfill Leachate (6 NYCRR Parts 360 and 363):
Request to Extend Public Comment Period for an Additional 30 Days**

Dear Ms. Vaughan,

On [July 1, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation \(DEC\) published the notice of proposed rulemaking entitled *Treatment and Disposal of Landfill Leachate \(6 NYCRR Parts 360 and 363\)*](#) in the New York State Register. On behalf of the undersigned coalition of partner organizations, we respectfully request that the DEC extend the public comment period by an additional 30 calendar days, for a total of 100 days from the date of publication.

On March 10, [New York River Watch and a coalition of partner organizations submitted a letter to NYSDEC requesting a 90-day public comment period](#) upon publication of this rulemaking. We have attached that letter for your reference as part of this request.

Members of the public have been waiting for the release of this rulemaking for many years. Given its long-awaited publication, the scope and technical complexity of the regulations, and the fact that the current public comment period falls during the busy summer vacation season and includes major holidays, a 30-calendar-day extension is both reasonable and appropriate. Extending the comment period to **October 9** would provide local governments, technical experts, community organizations, and members of the public with sufficient time to thoroughly evaluate the proposal and submit meaningful, substantive comments.

Providing additional time will strengthen the administrative record and support DEC in developing a final rule that is more protective of public health and the environment while grounded in comprehensive public input.

Accordingly, we respectfully request that NYSDEC extend the public comment period to a total of 100 calendar days, with comments accepted through October 9, and publish notice of the extension in both the *New York State Register* and the *Environmental Notice Bulletin*.

Sincerely,

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