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Appendix E
State Environmental Quality Review
POSITIVE DECLARATION
Notice of Intent to Prepare a Draft EIS
Determination of Significance

Project Number 4-0101-171/11

Date 1/22/2007

This notice is issued pursuant to Part 617 of the implementing regulations pertaining to Article 8 (State Environmental Quality Review Act) of the Environmental Conservation Law.

The NYS Department of Environmental Conservation Region 4, as Lead Agency, has determined that the proposed action described below may have a significant adverse impact on the environment and that a Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be prepared by the applicant, the City of Albany.

Name of Action: Albany Landfill Eastern Expansion

SEQR Status: Type I
Unlisted

Description of Action: Proposed expansion consisting of a 23 acre overfill coupled with a 15 acre lateral expansion of the Albany Landfill.

Location: Located in the City of Albany at Rapp Road near the intersection with Washington Ave. Extension.

DEC Permits: Solid Waste Management Facility permit modification, 401 Water Quality Certification, Freshwater Wetlands

Reasons Supporting this Determination Include:

- 1) Proposed landfilling of existing vegetated open space area in the Albany Pine Bush in addition to fragmentation impacts between open space habitat areas (nearly all publically owned) located to the east and west of the project site.
- 2) Proposed landfilling adjacent to Albany Pine Bush Preserve and other publically owned open space lands with Preserve habitat and recreational uses. Project would also lie between such lands located east and west of the project site. In addition, some 3.0 acres of state owned open space are proposed to be used in the project.
- 3) Proposed landfilling of habitat and displacement of wildlife species in current open space area. Endangered Species presence and impacts (Karner Blue Butterfly) to be evaluated.
- 4) Proposed landfilling of an estimated 5 - 7 wetland acres which are part of a total of 31 acres of jurisdictional freshwater wetlands which have been identified on lands adjacent to the Albany Landfill and the project site.
- 5) Potential land use and community character impacts to nearby residential areas and municipalities with the proposed increase in Albany Landfill height, proximity to those communities and potential impacts in 6) following.
- 6) Potential impacts due to increased landfill gas emissions, increased landfill gas combustion, truck traffic, vectors(birds), dust and odors.
- 7) Proposed landfilling of a surface water drainageway containing freshwater wetlands. Stormwater runoff impacts to adjacent open space lands. Potential groundwater impacts to principal aquifer due to construction of landfill and liner drainage, leachate leak detection and collection systems as well as potential leaks.
- 8) Presence and impacts to cultural resources to be evaluated.

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