

EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 149

June 27, 2011

OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL COORDINATION

By the power vested in me as Mayor of the City of New York, it is hereby ordered:

Section 1. Executive Order No. 97 of 2006 is hereby REPEALED.

§ 2. The Office of Environmental Coordination (“OEC”) is continued within the Office of the Mayor, and shall be headed by a director who shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Mayor.

§ 3. The OEC’s duties shall include:

- a. Environmental Review. OEC shall provide assistance to City agencies, including the Office of the Mayor, in fulfilling their environmental review responsibilities, and shall assist City agencies in coordinating environmental reviews when an action involves both City and State and/or federal agencies. OEC may advise the Office of the Mayor in conducting environmental reviews where the Office of the Mayor is an interested, involved, or lead agency. OEC shall perform any other function required by rules of the City Planning Commission governing environmental review.
- b. Green Buildings. The Director of OEC is authorized to exercise the powers and duties granted to the Mayor in connection with the implementation of §224.1 of the Charter, and known as the Green Buildings Law (hereinafter “the law”). Such powers and duties shall include:
  - (i) Promulgating rules pursuant to Chapter 45 of the Charter, known as the City Administrative Procedure Act;
  - (ii) Administering exemptions from the requirements of the law;
  - (iii) Working with other City agencies to monitor compliance with the law;

- (iv) Publishing findings, where necessary, on whether proposed green building standards are not less stringent than the applicable Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) standard;
- (v) Considering developments affecting the green building industry, such as changes in applicable reference standards, energy costs, and/or available technologies; evaluating the minimum requirements in the law for reducing energy costs and water consumption based on such developments, including determining whether such requirements remain current or should be changed; and promulgating rules to make such requirements more stringent or expand the category of capital projects that are subject to goals and policies set forth in the law; and
- (vi) Taking all other actions necessary to implement and administer the law to enhance the City's role as a model for the private sector through the use of green building practices and technology, to the extent practicable, in capital construction projects that receive funding from the City treasury.

§ 4. Cooperation and Assistance. The heads of all City departments and agencies, including the Director of City Planning and the Commissioner of Environmental Protection pursuant to §192(e) of the Charter, shall cooperate with and assist OEC.

§ 5. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Michael R. Bloomberg  
Mayor