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Air Conditioning Season begins May 26

2012 Cooling Season Guidelines are attached to this email. This year's cooling season runs May 26 through September 24. Please remind your agency's building operators and staff that use of air conditioning outside of the City's official cooling season is not authorized and could result in electric demand and energy charges above the budgeted amount. Please distribute the guidelines via email and/or post throughout your agency. As always, use your best judgment when following these guidelines as the health and safety of your building occupants should be prioritized.

Spaces available in June CEM training

Spread the word through your agency that there are still a few remaining spaces in the June 4-8 CEM training at the Citywide Training Center. Go to DEM's training page to learn more:

<http://www.nyc.gov/html/dem/html/training/training.shtm>

Reminder: Enroll buildings for 2012 Peak Load Season!

For the 2012 Peak Load Season, City agencies once again have the opportunity to participate in Demand Response programs through NYPA. While the deadline for enrollment in Option 3 — Capacity & Energy — has already passed, the deadline for enrollment in Option 2 — Peak Reduction — is May 15. Enrollment in NYPA Option 1 — Energy Only — is open throughout the year. Please contact Mike Dipple with any questions about demand response:

mdipple@dcas.nyc.gov.

Fifth Annual PlaNYC Update released on Earth Day

On Earth Day (April 22), Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg observed the fifth anniversary of the launch of PlaNYC — originally released on Earth Day 2007 — and released the annual Progress Report updating the public on developments in the past twelve months.

A PDF copy of the 2012 Progress Report can be downloaded [here](#). See pages 18-19 for highlights of the City's municipal energy efficiency work we are accomplishing together!

Highlights of the past year include official approval of the NYC Green Infrastructure Plan to manage stormwater, new transportation options such as the new East River Ferry and the prospect of for-hail taxi service throughout all five boroughs, passage of numerous additions to the building and construction codes to make the built environment greener, an ambitious new solid waste diversion goal, new energy benchmarking of thousands of buildings, and accelerated conversions of dirty oil-burning boilers to cleaner fuels.

Nominate your sustainability project for the NYS Environmental Excellence Awards!

Get visibility and recognition for your agency's outstanding, innovative and sustainable projects or programs that are improving and protecting New York's environmental resources and contributing to a viable economy. Eligible projects are those that demonstrate significant environmental benefits achieved by:

- green infrastructure projects
- initiatives to reduce greenhouse gas emissions
- cutting-edge pollution prevention technologies
- initiatives to "green" businesses, farms, schools, recreational facilities and hospitality facilities
- innovative wind, solar and biomass projects
- creative natural resource/habitat protection or restoration efforts
- energy efficiency improvements
- waste reduction and recycling efforts
- manufacturing process improvements
- creative approaches to urban forestry or farming, programs advancing "grown locally"

For application materials and to learn more about the award program, please go to NYS Department of Environmental Conservation's website at <http://www.dec.ny.gov/public/945.html>. For additional questions, contact DEC's Pollution Prevention Unit at (518) 402-9469 or send an email to eeawards@gw.dec.state.ny.us.

Applications must be completed and post marked no later than Friday May 18, 2012.

Registration is open for the NYC Solar Summit, June 7

The 2012 NYC Solar Summit will be held at the CUNY Graduate Center on June 7, 2012 from 8:45am to 6:00pm. Click [here](#) to learn more and to register online.

The NYC Solar Summit is coordinated by Sustainable CUNY with support from the NYC Solar America City Partnership. The NYC Solar America City Partnership is supported by the U.S. Department of Energy and is comprised of the City University of New York, the NYC Economic Development Corporation and the Mayor's Office of Long-Term Planning and Sustainability.