
FOREWORD

New York is a diverse and complex city with a rich and, in some cases, fragile environment. Both to protect the environment and to ensure a predictable and efficient process for participants in the City's Environmental Quality Review (CEQR) process, the City developed the CEQR Technical Manual.

The CEQR Technical Manual was written in 1993 under a consultant contract managed by the Departments of City Planning and Environmental Protection with guidance from the Mayor's Office of Environmental Coordination. In 2001, it was thoroughly reviewed and updated by the City's technical agencies under the supervision of the Mayor's Office of Environmental Coordination.