

EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 97

November 20, 2006

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 Executive Order No. 29 of 1991 is hereby REPEALED.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. Further, OEC shall perform any other function required by rules of the City Planning Commission governing environmental review.
- b. Contaminated or Possibly Contaminated Site (“Brownfield”) Clean-up Policy. OEC shall coordinate and oversee the City’s brownfield policy, ensuring that City priorities are addressed at all brownfield sites. OEC shall also seek external funding for brownfield projects, including federal and state grants, and assist other agencies in applying for such funds.
- c. Green Buildings. The Director of OEC is authorized to exercise the powers and duties granted to the Mayor in connection with the implementation of Local Law No. 86 for the year 2005, codified at Charter §224.1, and known as the Green Buildings Law (hereinafter “the law”). Consistent with the provisions of §224.1, such powers and duties shall include:
 - a. promulgating rules pursuant to Charter Chapter 45, known as the City Administrative Procedure Act;

- b. administering exemptions from the requirements of the law;
- c. working with other City agencies to monitor compliance with the law;
- d. 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; and
- e. taking all other actions necessary to implement and administer the law.

§ 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 the OEC.

§ 5. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Michael R. Bloomberg
Mayor