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NYS Department of Environmental Conservation
Bureau of Oil & Gas Regulation
Division of Mineral Resources
625 Broadway, Third Floor
Albany, NY 12233-6500

Re: **Draft Supplemental Generic Environmental Impact Statement on the Oil, Gas and Solution Mining Regulatory Program Well Permit Issuance for Horizontal Drilling and High-Volume Hydraulic Fracturing to Develop the Marcellus Shale and Other Low-Permeability Gas Reservoirs**

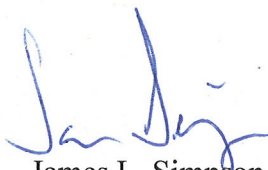
Dear Sir/Madam:

Enclosed please find Riverkeeper, Inc.'s written comments and appendices on the above-referenced draft supplemental generic environmental impact statement. These comments are submitted in addition to the written comments and oral testimony presented by Riverkeeper to NYSDEC on November 10, 2009 and joint comments submitted by Natural Resources Defense Council on the above-referenced matter.

Respectfully yours,



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