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### Applicant:

City of Syracuse  
City Hall  
233 E Washington St  
Syracuse, NY 13202

### Facility:

City of Syracuse Dept of Eng/Water Div  
20 W Genesee St, Skaneateles Lake  
Skaneateles, NY 13152

### Application ID:

7-3150-00112/00004

### Permit(s) Applied for:

Article 17 Titles 7 & 8 Industrial SPDES - Surface Discharge

### Project is Located:

Skaneateles, Onondaga County

### Project Description:

The Department has made a tentative determination to issue a State Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit to the City of Syracuse to treat Skaneateles Lake with the algicide, EarthTec, to decrease the density of microcystin-producing cyanobacteria that contribute to harmful algal blooms near the City's drinking water intakes. The use of EarthTec would occur in the northern portion of the lake, extending 750 ft waterward from the shoreline along a 36,850 ft length of shoreline stretching from the DEC Boat Launch (Fire Lane 15) on the western shoreline of the lake, along the northern shoreline to the eastern shoreline of the lake to Kingston Brook (south of the Skaneateles Sailing Club). The use of EarthTec would occur no more than twice per calendar year within this shoreline treatment area and would be limited to specifications on the product label. The City would provide pre-treatment notification 48 hours prior to an EarthTec application to the state officials, local officials, beach/resource managers, the Skaneateles Lake Association, and to riparian owners and users. The City would also provide daily post-treatment monitoring of microcystin concentration and would notify local and state health departments if the microcystin concentration were at or above the 4 microgram per liter threshold for re-opening a swimming area.

The Department's tentative determination is subject to public review and comment, and comments may be submitted to the DEC contact person below by the comment deadline. In addition, requests for a legislative (public statement) hearing must be sent in writing to the DEC contact person below by the comment deadline. The Department assesses such requests pursuant to 6 NYCRR Section 621.8.

The [draft permit and fact sheet](http://www.dec.ny.gov/permits/6054.html) may be viewed and printed from the Department website at <http://www.dec.ny.gov/permits/6054.html>.

### Availability of Application Documents:

Filed application documents, and Department draft permits where applicable, are available for inspection during normal business hours at the address of the contact person. To ensure timely service at the time of inspection, it is recommended that an appointment be made with the contact person.

### State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) Determination:

Project is a Type I action and will not have a significant effect on the environment. A coordinated review with other agencies was performed and a Negative Declaration is on file.

SEQR Lead Agency: Syracuse City Dept of Water

### State Historic Preservation Act (SHPA) Determination:

Evaluation using a Structural-Archaeological Assessment Form or other information has concluded that the proposed activity will not impact registered, eligible or inventoried archaeological sites or historic structures.

### Coastal Management:

This project is not located in a Coastal Management area and is not subject to the Waterfront Revitalization and Coastal Resources Act.

### DEC Commissioner Policy 29, Environmental Justice and Permitting (CP-29)

It has been determined that the proposed action is not subject to CP-29.

### Opportunity for Public Comment:

Comments on this project must be submitted in writing to the Contact Person no later than *Aug 13, 2021*.

### Contact:

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