

H. ALBANY COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

The following comments are taken from letters dated April 19, 1996 from the Albany County Department of Health. A copy of the letter is provided in Appendix 1.

1. Comment:

We have reviewed the above mentioned document and find that our previously mentioned concerns, as identified in our January 8, 1996 correspondence have not been addressed in the draft generic environmental impact statement.

An overall development plan which addresses the extension of municipal utilities from both the Town of Colonie and adjoining communities is also again recommended.

Response:

The need for both water and sewer service was presented at length in Section II.G. of the DGEIS. Figure II-G-5 provides an overview of the existing sanitary sewer system in the Study Area. As discussed in Section II.G. of the DGEIS, the Town has a policy that requires all new development to connect to its sanitary sewer system. If the service is not available, the developer is required to extend the system to the new development. In limited circumstances, the Town may allow the use of onsite systems, if the new development is small and extension of the sanitary sewer lines would be cost prohibitive. In these instances, the systems would be subject to the review and approval of the Department of Health.

An overview of the Town of Colonie's water system is illustrated on Figure II-G-7 of the DGEIS. Recommended improvements to the system needed to accommodate development expected under the Projected Growth Development Scenario are illustrated on Figure II-G-7. As with sanitary sewer, the Town requires all new development to connect to its water supply system, except in similar limited circumstances.