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New York State Energy Research and Development Authority

Dear Anaerobic Digester Gas Programs Participating Contractors,

We hope that this email finds you and your loved ones well. As we all know, these are extraordinarily difficult days. Our first priority remains supporting Governor Cuomo's COVID-19 response and protecting the well-being of New Yorkers. We recognize the health crisis has had unimaginable impacts on every facet of life. And we know we will come out of this crisis stronger. During this time, we remain committed to advancing the state's ambitious clean energy and climate policies and our work now will ensure when the health crisis subsides the clean energy sector is positioned for recovery and able to meet Governor Cuomo's nation-leading climate commitments.

NYSERDA remains open for business. Our physical offices are closed but all staff are working remotely with access to our systems and network and you can contact members of our Anaerobic Digester Gas (ADG) team using phone or email. Similarly, Cornell continues to provide off-site support for farm-related ADG projects.

With the absolute priority being on preventing the spread of COVID-19 and protecting the health of all New Yorkers, on March 30 Governor Cuomo issued [Executive Order 202.13](#) clarifying that only certain construction constitutes essential construction, and authorized the Empire State Development (ESD) to determine which construction is essential and thereby exempt from the in-person workforce prohibition. ESD has posted Essential Construction Guidance and [Frequently Asked Questions](#) for the energy industry, which defines for the energy industry what construction activity qualifies as essential or emergency-related. Please review the [FAQ guidelines](#) which provides guidance regarding the specific categories of projects that are considered essential.

Also, on March 31, NYSERDA issued updated [guidance to our contractors](#) regarding changes to our programs in response to COVID-19. As such, NYSERDA's ADG Technical Consultants teams have canceled all in-field inspections for ADG projects. Additionally, deadline requirements for PON 3739 Category C Refurbishment Projects have been suspended until further notice. Please be advised, this is a fluid situation and additional program updates will be provided as quickly as possible to address questions that have been raised with our team. We are also examining additional program processes that could be transitioned to a virtual approach to minimize disruptions. Comments and questions can be submitted directly to our

team contacts below.

We hope you remain safe and healthy.

Sincerely,

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