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Good afternoon, Folks.

This message is going out to all DER Staff and Standby Consultants and Contractors.

Given the Governor's recent announcement of a Stay-at-Home Executive Order that may go into effect this Sunday (3/22) I want to offer an interpretation for the exemption for Construction and Essential Services.

Services and agencies that exist to maintain the safety, sanitation and essential operations of residences or other essential businesses have been deemed essential.

Examples of those include:

- Emergency management and response*
- other related construction firms and professionals for essential infrastructure or for emergency*

repair and safety purposes

This is being interpreted as any service related to emergency (spill) response and remedial activities at inactive hazardous waste sites, including the operation and maintenance of remedial systems put in place for the protection of public health.

Please check in with your DER PM counterparts for ongoing guidance on a specific site/spill basis.

As always, keep you and yours safe and please review the CDC recommendations on self-quarantine best practices as posted at the following website.

[Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\) Travel webpage](#)

Thank you for your continued service towards the protection of the people of, and visitors to, the State of New York.

~David

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