

ENVIRONMENTAL & LAND USE ALERT

DEEP AUTHORIZES CERTAIN COASTAL REPAIR WORK

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In the wake of Storm Sandy, the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection has issued four Authorizations to allow owners to secure their storm-damaged property. The Authorizations described below are available to conduct debris removal and repair work to structures damaged by Storm Sandy. However, the work performed must conform to the terms and conditions specified in each Authorization. Municipal authorization may also be required to conduct this work, so it is advisable to contract your town building department.

Two Authorizations are discussed below, but all four Authorizations appear on our website, here.

Authorization #EA-Sandy-10-2012-3 addresses riprap replacement in eroded areas behind damaged seawalls, and for seawall, bulkhead and riprap revetment repairs. To be eligible, the structure must have been previously authorized, have been in place since before 1995, or be protecting infrastructure or a residence that has been in place since before 1995. This Authorization expires on April 30, 2013. A complete permit or Certificate of Permission (COP) application for retention or continuation of the work authorized by this Authorization must be submitted no later than May 30, 2013.

Authorization #TA-Sandy-10-2012-4 covers the use of equipment to replace stones from seawalls and revetments which were displaced as a result of the storm. This Authorization expires January 28, 2013.

Individuals and businesses should review the full text of these Authorizations before taking action. Also, the State has other programs to safeguard property or protect human health if you are not eligible under these Authorizations. For example, repair of damage to docks, piers and other structures may be eligible under other State programs.

For more information on these Authorizations, please contact us.

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