

DEC's statement to WaterFront, Aug. 19, 2021

As part of DEC's aggressive oversight of this facility and their compliance with our stringent regulatory requirements, DEC continues to closely monitor the operations of Greenidge Generation and current proposals for cryptocurrency mining expansion. In addition to ensuring continued compliance with DEC's current permits for the facility, DEC will ensure a comprehensive and transparent review of its proposed air permit renewals with a particular focus on the potential climate change impacts and consistency with the nation-leading emissions limits established in the State's Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act. As the greenhouse gas emissions associated with this type of facility may be precedential and have broader implications beyond New York's borders, DEC will consult with the U.S. EPA, the state's Climate Action Council, and others as we thoroughly evaluate the complex issues involved.

DEC received an application from Greenidge on March 5, 2021, for the renewal of the Air Title IV (Acid Rain) and Title V permits. DEC is now conducting a rigorous review to determine if the application is complete and would meet the federal and state standards that are protective of public health and the environment, including consistency with the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act. If a final decision is not made by the current permit expiration date of Sept. 6, 2021, DEC will continue to enforce the conditions of the current permit. There is not time limit for SAPA-extended permits.

If the application is determined 'complete,' a draft permit would be developed and a public comment period held to solicit input prior to making a decision. DEC provides notice to the public regarding the availability of a draft permit for public review and comment, which may also include public hearings. In addition, U.S. EPA would also have an opportunity to review the proposed permit.