STATEMENT IN LIEU OF A REGULATORY

FLEXIBILITY ANALYSIS FOR SMALL BUSINESSES

AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

A Regulatory Flexibility Analysis for Small Businesses and Local Governments is not being submitted with this rule because this rule will not impose any adverse economic impact or reporting, recordkeeping, or other compliance requirements on small businesses or local governments. The rule does not distinguish between different types and sizes of regulated parties. The rule does not distinguish between regulated parties located in different geographical areas. The rule will merely set the dates for the 2002 - 2003 Amnesty Program. The program was established by Part R of Chapter 85 of the Laws of 2002.

The following organizations were notified that the Department was in the process of developing this rule and were given an opportunity to participate in its development: the Small Business Council of the New York State Business Council, the Division of Small Business of Empire State Development, the National Federation of Independent Businesses, the Retail Council of New York State, the New York State Association of Counties, the Association of Towns of New York State, the New York Conference of Mayors, and the Office of Local Government and Community Services of the New York State Department of State.