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Kaijin Liang, P.E.
Dragon Springs Buddhist Inc.
140 Galley Hill Road
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Notice of Violation

**RE: Violations of ECL Article 15 at Dragon Springs Buddhist Monastery,
Cuddybackville, New York**

Dear Mr. Liang:

On October 30, 2015 Brian Drumm from the Region 3 Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Bureau of Habitat met you during a compliance check for Environmental Conservation Law Article 15 Permit 3-3328-00150/00017. This permit authorized the replacement of the two bridges carrying both the north and the south access roads to the Dragon Springs Buddhist Monastery over tributaries to the Basher Kill and Neversink River respectively. Each location constitutes a separate violation. You are directed to immediately stop violating Article 15.

This inspection revealed the two bridges deviated significantly from the plans approved in the permit. In both cases steel I-beams were used below the bridge deck while maintaining the approximate road grade significantly reducing the vertical clearance between the bed of the stream and the bridge superstructure. As constructed it is likely that at some point in the future during a high flow event the bridge will not be able to handle the volume of water and/or will become clogged with debris resulting in a backup of water upstream of the bridge, erosion and scour of the stream bed and banks near the bridge, flooding and closure of public roads and the potential to cause significant damage to other public and private property. Therefore, the department has ascertained the probable negative effect on the health, safety and welfare of the people of the state and the natural resources of the state, including soil, forests, water, fish and aquatic resources therein, likely due to result of your work.

Any appearance tickets issued by Environmental Conservation Officers are for separate violations and are not included in this enforcement action.

BE ON NOTICE THAT implementation of reclamation, restoration or remediation activities at the site in no way affects the rights of NYSDEC to seek penalties and other relief in accordance with the Environmental Conservation Law and the rules and regulations promulgated pursuant thereto.



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