§ 28-0111. Pollution prevention and environmental compliance coordinating council.

1. There is hereby established a pollution prevention and environmental compliance coordinating council which shall:

a. provide guidance to the department on the development and implementation of pollution prevention programs, including the small business pollution prevention and environmental compliance assistance program and the identification of alternative compliance approaches that incorporate pollution prevention;

b. coordinate the activities of the department, the environmental facilities corporation, the department of economic development, the New York state energy research and development authority and the New York foundation for science, technology and innovation to promote pollution prevention and environmental compliance;

c. make periodic reports to the governor and the legislature concerning the effectiveness of pollution prevention programs, including the adequacy of funding available, and difficulties encountered; and

d. make recommendations for the development of programs to further promote pollution prevention and assist small businesses, including technical and financial assistance programs.

2. The pollution prevention and environmental compliance coordinating council shall include the commissioner, the president of the environmental facilities corporation, the commissioner of economic development, the chairperson of the New York state energy research and development authority, and the executive director of the New York foundation for science, technology and innovation; or their designees. The council shall consult with representatives of businesses; organizations whose prime function is the enhancement of the environmental quality of the state; municipalities, not-for-profit organizations and private contractors which provide pollution prevention and compliance assistance; and any other parties the coordinating

council deems appropriate.

3. The coordinating council shall meet at least quarterly and shall designate one of its members to serve as chairperson and one of its members to serve as secretary for the development and dissemination of reports and advisory opinions. For the first year of its existence, the coordinating council shall designate the commissioner or his or her designee to serve as chairperson.