

## ABOUT COMPTROLLER DiNAPOLI



Comptroller DiNapoli, the State's 54th Comptroller, has been a strong advocate for New York's environment during his more than two decades in public service. As a former Assemblyman from Long Island, he championed a number

of legislative initiatives, including the Pine Barrens Protection Act, the ban on the gasoline additive MTBE, the establishment of the Brownfields Cleanup Program, the enactment of the Pesticide Neighbor Notification Act and numerous other measures to improve the quality of the State's drinking water. As the former chair of the New York State Assembly Committee on Environmental Conservation, DiNapoli brings an unprecedented level of environmental expertise to the Comptroller's office.

*"New York State is uniquely positioned to be a global leader in reducing carbon emissions while lowering energy costs."*

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## ABOUT THE COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE

As the center of government fiscal accountability in New York State, the Office of the State Comptroller audits government operations and issues budget and policy reports on State finances.

In its audits of State agencies and school districts, the Comptroller's Office makes sure these entities comply with requirements to use cleaning products that do not harm students or the environment.

As sole trustee of the New York State Common Retirement Fund, Comptroller DiNapoli invests pension fund dollars in companies whose products solve environmental problems while earning attractive returns for the pension fund.

The Comptroller also administers the New York Environmental Protection and Oil Spill Compensation Fund, which settles damage claims resulting from oil spills.

## COMPTROLLER'S ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY EXPERT

John Stouffer joined the Office of the State Comptroller in June 2007 to work on environmental, energy, parks and agricultural policy. Previously, John was the legislative director for the New York State Chapter of the Sierra Club. Working with the Sierra Club, John lobbied on a broad variety of State and federal environmental laws and regulations. His first professional foray into environmental policy came in the late 1980s working on environmental programs for Citizen Action of New York.

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## THOMAS P. DiNAPOLI NEW YORK STATE COMPTROLLER

### Green Initiative



*"Working together to improve the health of our planet"*



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For more information on Comptroller DiNapoli's Green Initiative, visit [www.osc.state.ny.us/green](http://www.osc.state.ny.us/green)

## COMPTROLLER DiNAPOLI'S GREEN INITIATIVE

On September 13, 2007, Comptroller DiNapoli signed an Executive Order on Energy and the Environment to make the Office of the State Comptroller (OSC) a model of sustainability. The order is aimed at reducing energy use and implementing other green practices. It also directs auditors to evaluate whether New York State agencies, public authorities, local governments and school districts are complying with existing environmental and energy requirements. DiNapoli's executive order also requires that the office:

- ✓ **Purchase Renewable Energy.** OSC will purchase 25 percent of its electricity from clean, renewable generation at its 110 State Street location in Albany. This action is expected to prevent the emission of 1.8 million pounds of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere.
- ✓ **Conduct an Energy Audit.** OSC is evaluating its operations to determine energy use, paper and other resource consumption, purchasing practices and solid and hazardous waste generation to identify areas for improvement.
- ✓ **Identify New Ways of Saving Money.** Under a new waste management contract, OSC will receive financial credit for every ton of paper and cardboard recycled.

## Green Initiative Components

### Green Operations

OSC is partnering with the 110 State Street Condominium Board of Managers and the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) to pursue LEED-EB Certification through the U.S. Green Building Council for its headquarters in Albany.

Accomplishments to date include:

- ✓ Purchasing 25% of energy used from renewable sources.
- ✓ Replacing incandescent light bulbs with energy-efficient compact fluorescent bulbs.
- ✓ Transitioning to two-sided printing and expanding the use of environmentally friendly printers over laser printers.
- ✓ Issuing a Request for Proposals (RFP) for an experienced project facilitator to assist in the LEED-EB certification process.

### Green Policy

Under the Comptroller's "Green Policy is Good Economic Policy," OSC is reviewing opportunities to promote economic growth through the promotion of industries in the CleanTech and renewable energy sectors. The Comptroller will issue regular reports on how New York State can take advantage of the growing demand for a cleaner, more environmentally sound economy.

### Green Investments

OSC actively seeks investments in companies that develop and deploy clean technologies while providing strong returns for the New York State Common Retirement Fund, the third largest pension fund in the nation. The Fund is increasing its investments in the "CleanTech" sector: companies that use technologies that enable a more valuable use of natural resources while greatly reducing the impact to the environment. Operating a \$225 million co-investment program with a CleanTech focus, the Fund has invested in the following New York-based companies:

- ✓ Innovation Biofuels (Hampton, NY)
- ✓ Zero Point Energy (Potsdam, NY)
- ✓ Northeast Biofuels (Fulton, NY)
- ✓ Crystal IS, Inc. (Green Island, NY)

### Green Audits

OSC audits State agencies, local governments and public authorities to improve compliance with environmental and energy requirements. Completed audits include:

- ✓ Sales of State Forest Timber
- ✓ Leasing of State Land for Gas and Oil Exploration and Production
- ✓ Safety of State Dams
- ✓ State Procurement of Energy Efficient Products
- ✓ Municipal Use of Solar Panels

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