

NYPIRG STATEMENT ON THE END OF THE 2024 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The historic legislative approval of the Climate Change Superfund Act (S.2129B, Krueger/A.3351B, Dinowitz) is a huge step toward ensuring that Big Oil contributes to the mounting costs of climate catastrophe. Of course, the bill cannot become law without Governor Hochul's approval, but the Act helps protect taxpayers and allows revenues to be made available to contribute toward necessary -- but expensive -- resiliency projects.

The sponsors and the supportive lawmakers in both the Senate and Assembly deserve credit for making sure that Big Oil adheres to the lesson that we all learned as kids, "you make a mess, you clean it up."

There are other important issues that, unfortunately, were not approved during the session that must ultimately be acted upon. NY HEAT would help save ratepayer dollars and curtail the expansion of the state's reliance on fossil fuels. The state's worsening solid waste disposal problem was not addressed and both the Packaging Reduction and Recycling Infrastructure Act and the Bigger, Better, Bottle Bill are two important components toward reducing trash that is filling up the state's landfills.

We urge action on those issues and we urge Governor Hochul to approve the Climate Change Superfund Act.