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## Legal Alert - Empire Zones Program Review Process

It is our understanding that the New York State Department of Economic Development/Empire State Development has started its review process of Qualified Empire Zone Enterprises, and that notices of decertification will be sent out in the immediate future. This is extremely important information, and we suggest that you immediately alert us of any correspondence from the Commissioner of Economic Development or Empire State Development.

An entity which receives a notice of decertification will have only **15 days from the date of notification to send a notice of appeal** to the Empire Zone Designation Board. This is a final action unless the certified entity takes immediate action within this timeframe, with no further remedies available. Without a timely appeal, the entity will be decertified. The effective date of the decertification will be the date of the "earliest event constituting grounds for revoking certification."

If your entity receives a notice of decertification, please forward a copy to us immediately. Should an appeal be necessary, we can assist you in taking any remedies available to protect your entity's benefits. ■

*Should you wish to discuss this process further, please contact one of the designated members listed on the front of this alert.*