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TO: Superintendents, Principals, Science Coordinators, and Earth Science Teachers

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SUBJECT: Physical Setting/Earth Science Reference Tables, 2010 Edition

The 2010 Edition of the Physical Setting/Earth Science Reference Tables (ESRT) has been completed and is now available on the Department's web site at: <http://www.emsc.nysed.gov/osa/scire/reftable.html>. This publication replaces all previous editions and should be put into use in all schools at the start of the 2009-10 school year. It will be used in conjunction with the Regents Examination in Physical Setting/Earth Science beginning with the January 2010 administration.

The new reference tables have been updated and otherwise modified to reflect the latest information. Some of the tables have been moved to different pages, while others have been enlarged or replaced with updated versions. Some equations have been removed and SI (*International System*) units have been added to achieve consistent applicability across all Regents-level science courses.

Appropriate quantities of English and Spanish editions of the new ESRT will be shipped to each school that requested this Regents Examination title for use during the 2008-09 school year. These will be delivered to schools between August 24 and September 9. If needed for classroom instruction for individual students, braille, large-type, and other translated editions of the ESRT (Traditional Chinese, Haitian Creole, Korean, and Russian) may be requested by the principal, via fax to 518-474-2021 on school letterhead with type and quantity needed clearly itemized.

At this time, before the 2010 edition arrives, please arrange for the recycling or disposal of all copies of all previous editions currently in your school building.

Any questions you might have concerning the new ESRT should be directed to the Office of State Assessment at 518-474-5902 or via e-mail at emscassessinfo@mail.nysed.gov.

We wish to thank the many teachers from across New York State who worked so diligently on the development of the new reference tables, and to our colleagues in the Geology Research and Collections Division of the New York State Museum for their continued guidance.