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Viewing and Responding to Correspondences

Chapter Overview

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In this chapter, you will learn how to:

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 - 4 Responding to Correspondence
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 - 6 Filter Correspondence
 - 7 Email Notifications
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Correspondence

Menu selection

The Correspondence module is reached via the **Correspondence** tab on the Navigation bar. This tab opens the correspondence screen (Figure 3.1).

When Revision folders exist, replying to correspondence can only be done in the Current folder.

Figure 1: Sample Correspondence

Correspondence Field Descriptions	
Field Name	Description
Correspondence	
Date	Date the correspondence was added to the system.
Time	Time the correspondence was added to the system.
DOH Office	The DOH Office who initiated the correspondence.
Recipient	The recipient will display 'Applicant', 'Multiple' or 'Review Unit'.
Type of Correspondence	The type of correspondence added to the project.
Date of last reply	The date of the latest reply to a correspondence.
Time of last reply	The time of the latest reply to correspondence.
Response	
Date	Date the response was added to the system.
Time	Time the response was added to the system.

Correspondence Field Descriptions	
Field Name	Description
Sender	Name or Unit of the person replying
Type of Correspondence	The type of correspondence added to the project.

View Correspondence

Link Selection	<p>Each line displayed in the Correspondence tab is a link that will open the detailed information for that correspondence.</p> <p>When Revision folders exist, replying to correspondence can only be done in the Current folder.</p>
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The screenshot shows the 'View Correspondence' page with the following elements:

- Navigation Tabs:** General, Executive Summary, Application, **Correspondence**, Decision, Contingencies, Post Approval, Summary.
- Application Details:**
 - Application Number: 142009
 - Facility Name: Z Test Hospital
 - Project Description: Retesting
 - Created By: Project Management on 01/28/2016
 - Correspondence Type: Request for Additional Information
 - Recipient: Applicant
 - Message: RFAI
- Status:** Waiting for Information (in red text)
- Attachments:** YYMMDD_NYSE-CON_Weekly_Template.xlsx
- Buttons:** Reply, Return
- My NYSE-CON Tool Bar:** Create New Submission
- Selected Projects:** CON 142009 - Z Test Hospital
- Related Projects:**
 - NOT 1000 - Z Test Hospice
 - NOT 1002 - Z Test Hospital
 - NOT 1004 - Z Test Hospice
 - CON 141247 - Z Test Hospital
 - CON 141248 - Z Test Hospital
 - CON 141249 - Z Test Hospital
 - CON 141250 - Z Test Hospital
 - CON 141251 - Z Test Hospital
 - CON 141252 - Z Test Hospital
 - CON 141256 - Z Test Hospital
 - CON 141257 - Z Test Hospital
 - CON 141258 - Z Test Hospital
- Message Content:**

** DOH cannot guarantee that documents that have been uploaded to NYSE-CON are virus free. Before documents are opened, the user should ensure that their anti-virus software is operating and is up-to-date with the latest anti-virus signature files.

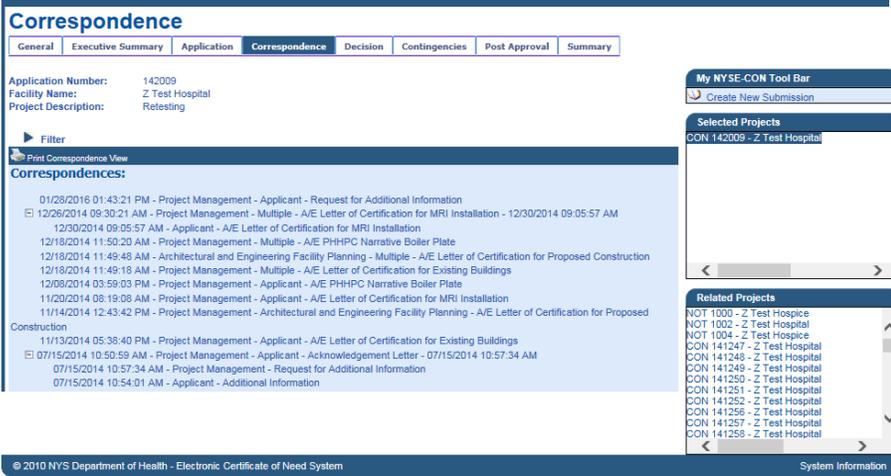
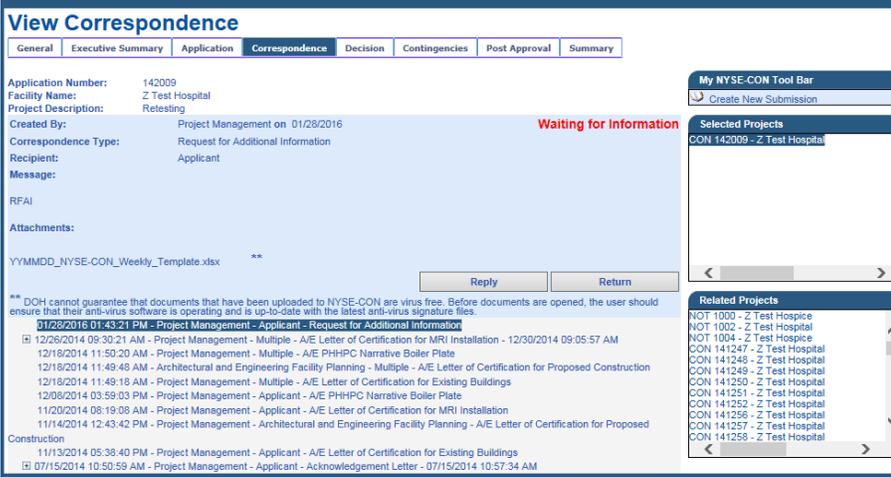
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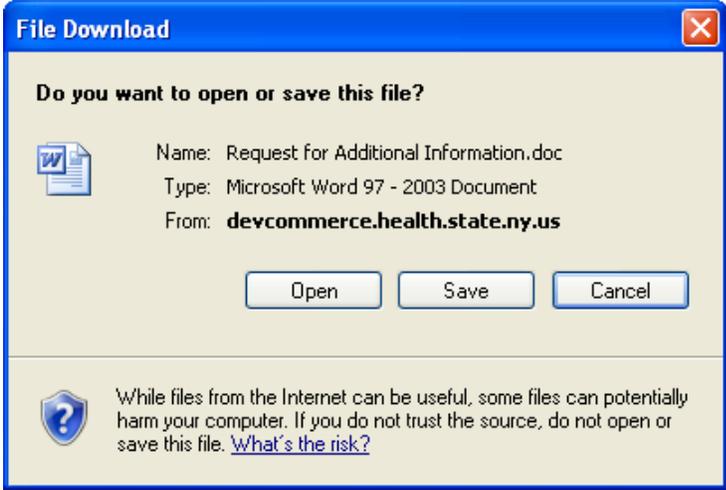
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 - 12/18/2014 11:50:20 AM - Project Management - Multiple - A/E PHHPC Narrative Boiler Plate
 - 12/18/2014 11:49:48 AM - Architectural and Engineering Facility Planning - Multiple - A/E Letter of Certification for Proposed Construction
 - 12/18/2014 11:49:18 AM - Project Management - Multiple - A/E Letter of Certification for Existing Buildings
 - 12/08/2014 03:59:03 PM - Project Management - Applicant - A/E PHHPC Narrative Boiler Plate
 - 11/20/2014 08:19:08 AM - Project Management - Applicant - A/E Letter of Certification for MRI Installation
 - 11/14/2014 12:43:42 PM - Project Management - Architectural and Engineering Facility Planning - A/E Letter of Certification for Proposed Construction
 - 11/13/2014 05:38:40 PM - Project Management - Applicant - A/E Letter of Certification for Existing Buildings
 - 07/15/2014 10:50:59 AM - Project Management - Applicant - Acknowledgement Letter - 07/15/2014 10:57:34 AM
- Footer:** © 2010 NYS Department of Health - Electronic Certificate of Need System | System Information

Figure 2: Sample View Correspondence

View Correspondence Field Descriptions	
Field Name	Description
Created by	Will display the DOH Review unit.
On Date	The date the correspondence was entered into the system.
Correspondence Type	The type of correspondence. Note: the Waiting for Information will display when the Department of Health has requested that additional information is required.
Recipient	Will display who the recipient is.

Message	Area for entering pertinent reference information.
Attachments	The file name and link to attached documents.
Buttons	
Reply	When selected the Reply to Correspondence page opens. When Revision folders exist, replying to correspondence can only be done in the Current folder.
Return	When selected the Correspondence tab page opens.

Learning Objective	Steps	Actions
<p>How to View the details of a correspondence</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>On the Correspondence tab Select the link. The View Correspondence page is displayed. Note: Each line displayed in the correspondence tab is a link that will open the detailed information for that correspondence</p>  <p><i>Figure 3: Sample Correspondence page.</i></p>
	<p>2</p>	<p>The View Correspondence page is displayed.</p>  <p><i>Figure 4: Sample View Correspondence page</i></p>
	<p>3</p>	<p>Select the document icon  in the attachment area to see the correspondence.</p>

	<p>4</p>	<p>Depending on the browser the file download window will open. Select Open to view the file or Save to download to a local directory and then view the file.</p>  <p><i>Figure 5: Sample File Download</i></p>
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Reply to Correspondence

Button Selection To reply to a correspondence, the correspondence must be opened to view and the **Reply** button selected.

When Revision folders exist, replying to correspondence can only be done in the Current folder.

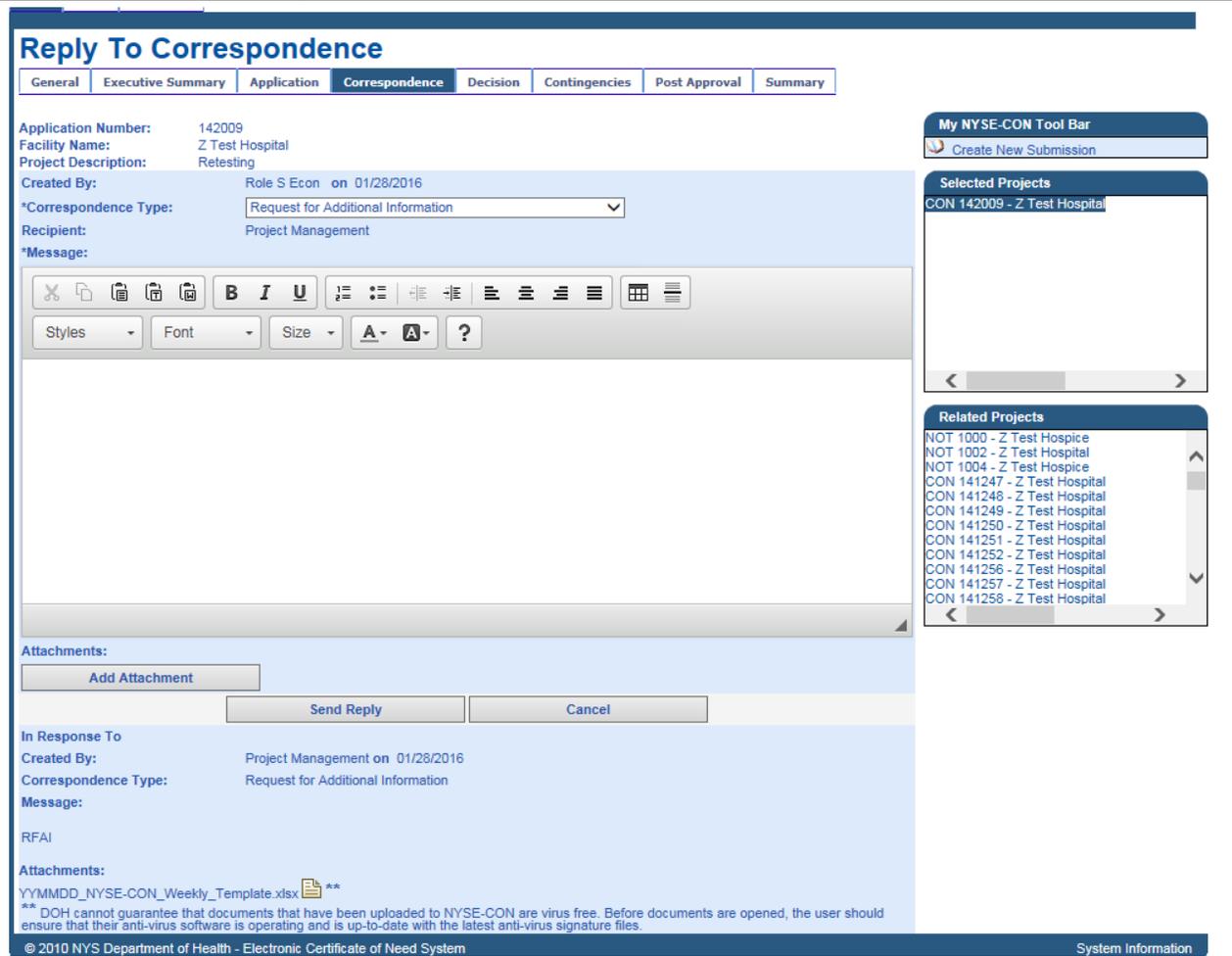


Figure 6: Sample Reply To Correspondence

Reply to Correspondence Field Descriptions

Field Name	Description
Created by	Auto filled with logged in user name will only display the DOH Review unit if the logged in user is DOH.
On Date	Auto filled with today's date.

Correspondence Type	The type of correspondence. When replying it will auto-fill with the original correspondence type but the system does allow the type to be changed.
Recipient	Auto filled with the sending DOH Review unit.
Message	Rich text area for entering pertinent reference information.
Attachments	The file name and link to attached documents.
In Response To	View of correspondence the user is responding to.
Created By	Correspondence created by.
On Date	Auto filled with today's date.
Correspondence Type	Type of Correspondence can be chosen from the list.
Recipient	Recipient of correspondence.
Message	The information entered when the correspondence was added to the system.
Attachment	Displays the name of the file attached to the correspondence.
Buttons	
Add Attachment	When selected the Add Attachment page opens
Send Reply	When selected the Correspondence is saved to the system, notifications are sent out and the Correspondence page opens.
Cancel	When selected the View Correspondence page reopens.

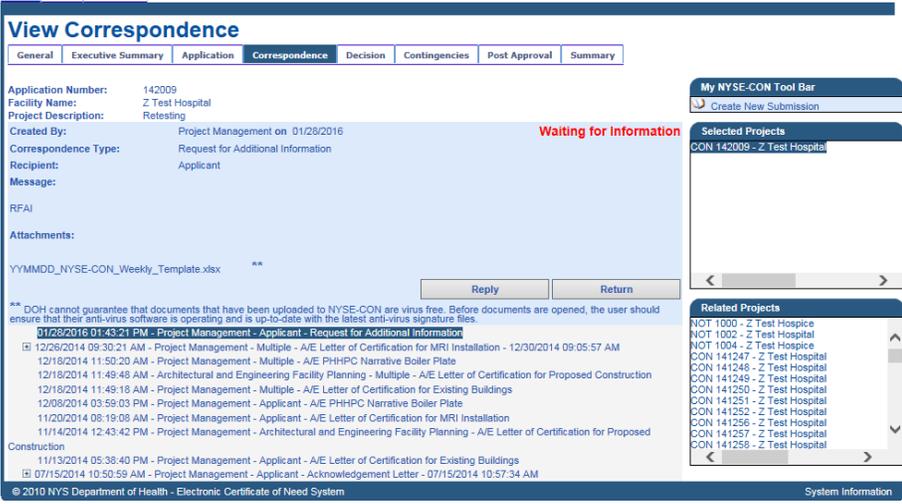
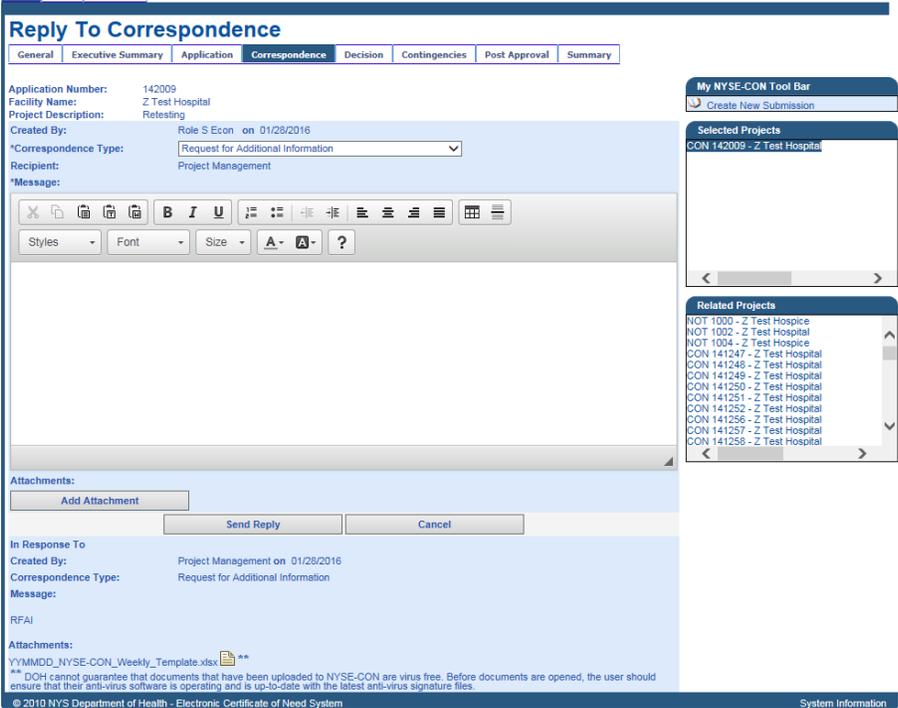
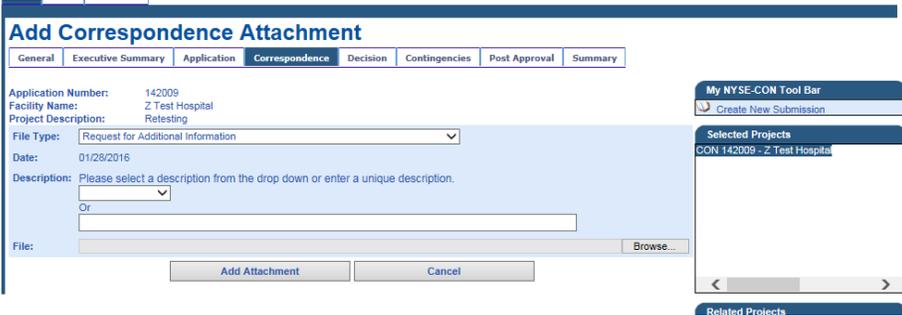
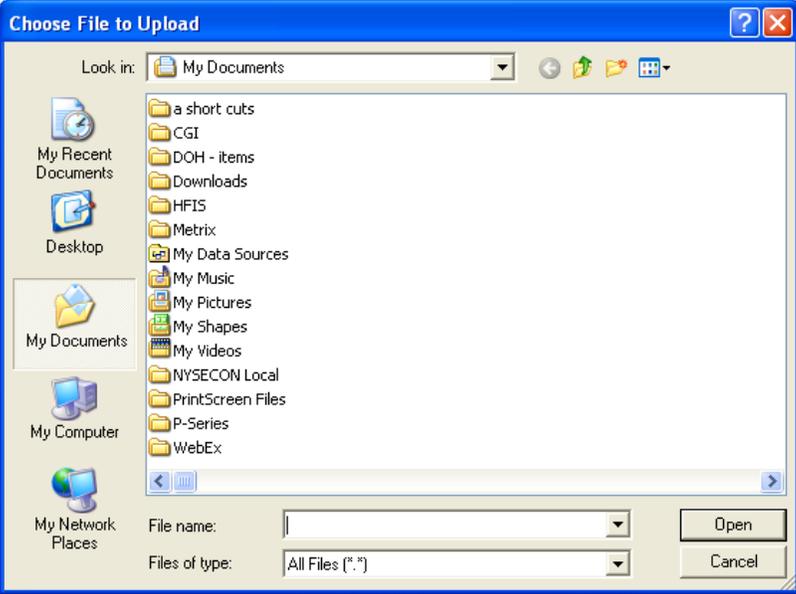
Respond to Correspondence Learning Objective	Step	Action
<p>How to Respond to a Correspondence</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>On the Correspondence tab select a Correspondence link to view the desired correspondence.</p> 
	<p>2</p>	<p>Select the Reply button.</p> <p>When Revision folders exist, replying to correspondence can only be done in the Current folder.</p>

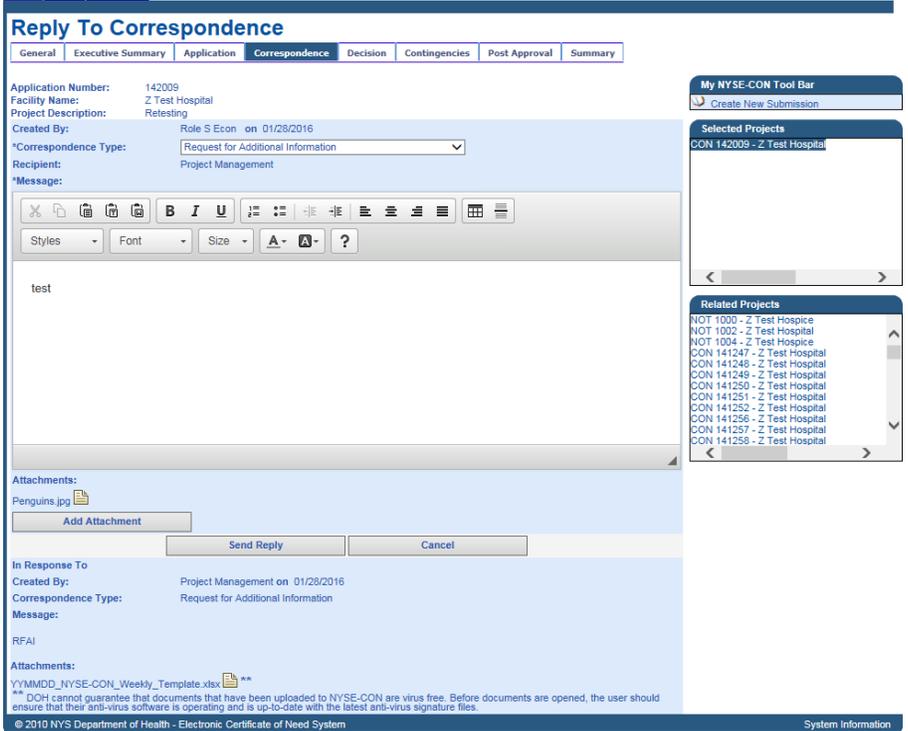
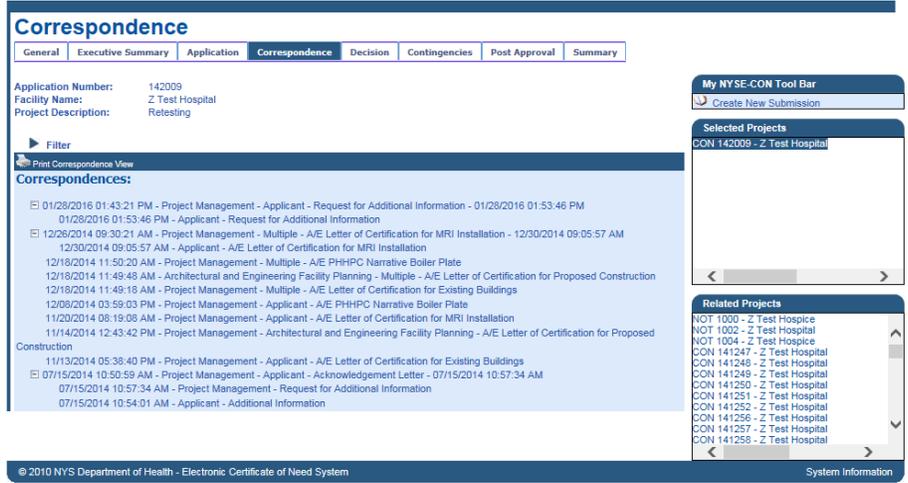
Figure 7: Sample View Correspondence

	<p>3</p>	<p>Select the Correspondence Type from the drop down list.</p>  <p><i>Figure 8: Sample Reply to Correspondence</i></p>
	<p>4</p>	<p>Enter the message you would like to add. Note: Refer to best practices for the Rich Text feature page 21.</p>
	<p>5</p>	<p>Select the Add Attachment button. (optional)</p>

Add Attachment to Correspondence

Learning Objective	Step	Action
<p>How to Add an attachment to a correspondence</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>Click the Add Attachment button</p> <p>The Add Correspondence Attachment screen displays.</p>  <p><i>Figure 9: Sample Add Correspondence Attachment</i></p>
	<p>2</p>	<p>Select the File Type from the list.</p>
	<p>3</p>	<p>Enter a description.</p>
	<p>4</p>	<p>Select the Browse button and select the file.</p> <p>Depending on the browser the file upload window will open.</p> <p>Select the file and then Select Open.</p>  <p><i>Figure 10: Sample File to Upload</i></p>
	<p>5</p>	<p>Select the Add Attachment button.</p>

Send Reply

Learning Objective	Step	Action
<p>How to Send Reply to Correspondence</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>Return to Reply to Correspondence page after adding attachment with all data filled in.</p>  <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Figure 11: Sample Reply to Correspondence</i></p>
	<p>2</p>	<p>Select the Send Reply button.</p>
	<p>3</p>	<p>The Correspondence page displays with the new correspondence displayed.</p>  <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Figure 12: Sample Correspondence</i></p>

Filter Correspondence

Apply Filter	The system displays the Correspondence screen with the entered filtering criteria shown. Only correspondence that corresponds with the entered filtering criteria and that the user has access to will display.
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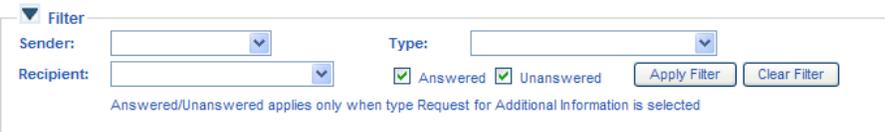
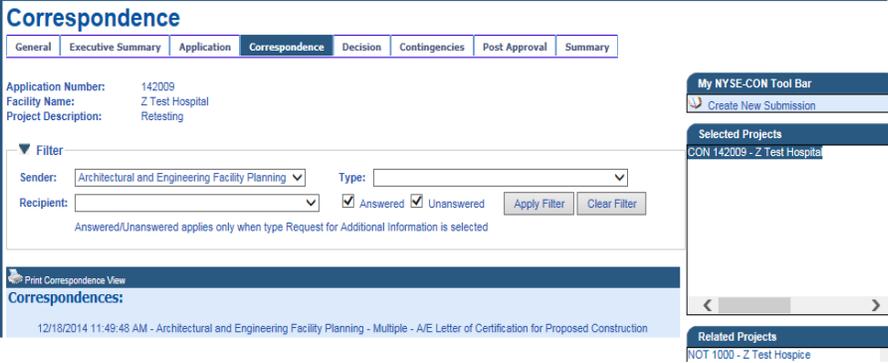
The screenshot shows the 'Correspondence' application interface. At the top, there are tabs for 'General', 'Executive Summary', 'Application', 'Correspondence', 'Decision', 'Contingencies', 'Post Approval', and 'Summary'. The 'Correspondence' tab is active. Below the tabs, the application details are shown: Application Number: 142009, Facility Name: Z Test Hospital, Project Description: Retesting. A 'Filter' section contains dropdown menus for 'Sender' and 'Type', and checkboxes for 'Answered' and 'Unanswered'. There are 'Apply Filter' and 'Clear Filter' buttons. Below the filter section is a 'Print Correspondence View' link and a list of correspondence items with their dates and descriptions. On the right side, there are three toolbars: 'My NYSE-CON Tool Bar' with a 'Create New Submission' button, 'Selected Projects' showing 'CON 142009 - Z Test Hospital', and 'Related Projects' showing a list of project IDs like 'NOT 1000 - Z Test Hospice'.

Figure 13: Sample View Filter Correspondence

View Correspondence Field Descriptions	
Field Name	Description
Sender	Allows selection of a specific sender.
Correspondence Type	Allows selection of a specific type.
Recipient	Allows selection of a specific recipient
Answered	Always checked only applies when the type Request for Additional Information is selected.
Unanswered	Always checked only applies when the type Request for Additional Information is selected.
Buttons	
Apply Filter	When selected the Correspondence page redisplay. Only correspondence that corresponds with the entered filtering criteria and that the user has access to is displayed.

Clear Filter	When selected the Correspondence tab page redisplay showing all correspondence that the user has access to.
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Apply a Filter

Learning Objective	Step	Action
<p>How to Apply a Filter to Correspondence</p>	1	<p>On the Correspondence tab selecting the twister  opens the filter option allowing filtering criteria to be selected.</p>  <p><i>Figure 14: Sample Filter Options</i></p>
	2	<p>Select the down arrow  to see the filtering criteria. The data displayed is unique to each project and user.</p>
	3	<p>Select Apply Filter the correspondence page is redrawn displaying only correspondence that corresponds with the entered filtering criteria and that the user has access to.</p>  <p><i>Figure 15: Sample Correspondence with a Filter Applied</i></p>

Correspondence Email Notifications Samples

Correspondence Type		Email Notification Sent
Acknowledgement Letter	1	Contact Email
	2	Alternate Contact Email
	3	All Assigned Review Units
	4	Assigned Regional Office
	5	Bureau of Project Management



Construction Environment - Certificate of Need Application 121011 Acknowledged, Z Test Nursing Home,
01/04/2012
NYS Department of Health to: tbi01 01/04/2012 02:15 PM
[Show Details](#)

History: This message has been forwarded.

Certificate of Need application 121011 for Change in Ownership/Merger/Consolidation with Construction from Z Test Nursing Home has been acknowledged by the Department of Health. Please log into the NYSE-CON system to see the acknowledgement.

Project Description:

For your convenience you may use the following link to go directly to the Correspondence:

If you are using the NYSE-CON via the Health Commerce System (HCS) use this link
<https://evalcommerce.health.state.ny.us/doh2/applinks/nysecon/referenceCorrespondence?id=648>.

If you are using the Public Authenticated system use this link
<http://evalwls2:4004/facilities/cons/public/nysecon/referenceCorrespondence?id=648>.

If you are not logged into the HCS Portal or the Public Authenticated system you will be redirected to the Login page. After you login please select this link again to continue to the correspondence.

PLEASE NOTE: When responding, please respond directly to the correspondence item in NYSE-CON using the Correspondence tab, and attach any applicable documents to the correspondence. Please do not use the Application tab to respond to correspondence.

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Figure 16: Sample Acknowledgement Email

Correspondence Type	Email Notification Sent
Any other correspondence type selected	1 Contact Email
	2 Alternate Contact Email
	3 All Assigned Review Units
	4 Bureau of Project Management



.....onment - Application 121013, X Test RHCf, new correspondence from Bureau of Project Management: 01/04/2012
NYS Department of Health to: nka01 01/04/2012 02:52 PM [Show Details](#)

History: This message has been forwarded.

NYS Department of Health, NYSE-CON notice: There is new correspondence for Application 121013, X Test RHCf, from Bureau of Project Management. Please log into the NYSE-CON system to see the new information.

For your convenience you may use the following link to go directly to the Correspondence:

If you are using the NYSE-CON via the Health Commerce System (HCS) use this link
<https://evalcommerce.health.state.ny.us/doh2/applinks/nysecon/referenceCorrespondence?id=705>.

If you are using the Public Authenticated system use this link
<http://evalwls2:4004/facilities/cons/public/nysecon/referenceCorrespondence?id=705>.

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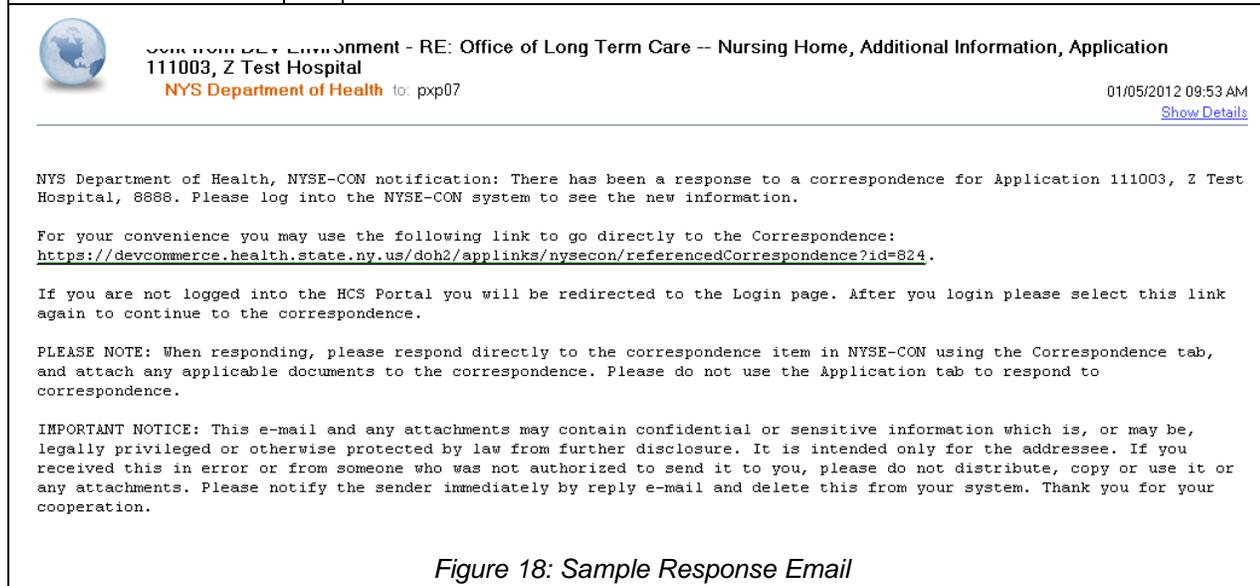
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Figure 17: Sample Correspondence Email

Correspondence Type		Email Notification Sent
Response to correspondence	1	Contact Email
	2	Alternate Contact Email
	3	All Assigned Review Units
	4	Bureau of Project Management



 **DEVCOMMERCE ENVIRONMENT - RE: Office of Long Term Care -- Nursing Home, Additional Information, Application 111003, Z Test Hospital**
 NYS Department of Health to: pxp07 01/05/2012 09:53 AM [Show Details](#)

NYS Department of Health, NYSE-CON notification: There has been a response to a correspondence for Application 111003, Z Test Hospital, 8888. Please log into the NYSE-CON system to see the new information.

For your convenience you may use the following link to go directly to the Correspondence:
<https://devcommerce.health.state.ny.us/doh2/applinks/nysecon/referencedCorrespondence?id=824>.

If you are not logged into the HCS Portal you will be redirected to the Login page. After you login please select this link again to continue to the correspondence.

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Figure 18: Sample Response Email

System Notifications

Event		Email Notification Received
Application Submitted	1	Contact Email
	2	Alternate Contact Email



CON from EYLE Environment - Application Submitted 121013, X Test RHCF, , 01/03/2012
NYS Department of Health to: pxp07 01/03/2012 03:20 PM
[Show Details](#)

History: This message has been forwarded.

Your CON application has been received. Please be advised that the CON application has not yet been acknowledged as a CON project by DOH.

Also, CON applications cannot be reviewed until an application processing fee has been received by the DOH. Payment of fees should be by check made out to the New York State Department of Health. Please include the CON Project Number, 121013, with the check and with all project correspondence.

An additional fee is charged for CON applications that involve construction and are subject to administrative or full review. This fee is only levied on approved proposals, and should not be submitted until the applicant has been informed of the amount due in the contingent approval letter that is issued when a project receives approval.

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Figure 19: Sample Application Submitted Applicant Email

Event		Email Notification Received
Application Documents added/updated after submission	1	Contact Email
	2	Alternate Contact Email
	3	All Assigned Review Units
	4	Bureau of Project Management



CON from EYLE Environment - New document, Schedule 6 Attachment, was uploaded for Application 121008, Z Test Nursing Hone, 8888
NYS Department of Health to: dsl10 01/04/2012 02:13 PM
[Show Details](#)

History: This message has been forwarded.

A new Schedule 6 Attachment document has been uploaded in NYSE-CON to Application 121008 from Z Test Nursing Hone, 8888 on 01/04/2012.

Please log into the NYSE-CON system to see the new information.

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Figure 20: Sample New Application Documents Added Email

Rich text Limitations

- When pasting something from word and if the word has an image, image is not copied in to the CKE clipboard
- When copying data from XL to CKE Editor, the table format is not displayed appropriately.
- When trying to Cut/Delete, a security pop up is displayed which prompts the user to select 'allow access' option.
- When modifying the executing summary, system will display 'Modify Executive Summary' page before loading new rich text editor (this could happen because of IE Delay).
- When 'Marker' style is selected from styles menu, Marker feature is not applied in the clip board.

Note: Please refer to rich text included in Figure 3.4 and 3.8.