



New York City Economic Development Corporation

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Mr. Stephen A. Watts
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Division of Environmental Permits
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Re: Willets Point Off-Site Sewer Improvement Project, Queens County—Construction Dewatering and Discharge Permit Application (Article 17 Titles 7 & 8 Industrial SPDES—Surface Discharge)
Application ID: 2-6302-00908/00003

Dear Mr. Watts:

The New York City Economic Development Corporation (EDC) will be enhancing the outreach plan for the Willets Point Sewer Project SPDES Permit Application. The Enhanced Public Participation Plan (PPP) and outreach for this project will include the following components/activities:

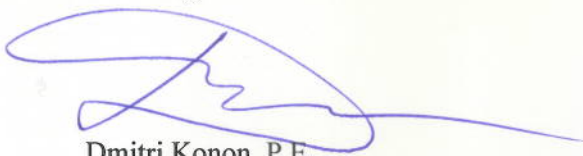
1. In order to enhance outreach for the project EDC will hold a Follow-up Public Information Meeting, at a location within the outreach study area. Interpreter services will be provided at the follow-up meeting.
2. The follow-up meeting will be held on December 19th, at the same location as the November 9, 2011 meeting was held (Al Oerter Recreation Center, 131-40 Fowler Avenue, Queens, NY) and will be noticed (in English and Spanish) on December 5, 2011 in the *New York Post*, which gives 14 days advance notice of the follow-up meeting. An additional notice for the follow-up meeting written in Spanish will appear in *El Diario/La Prensa* on the next possible publication date. We expect that the second Spanish notice will be published on or about December 7, 2011.
3. The Preliminary Contact List that appeared in the published PPP, as Attachment A, will be expanded to include: any persons who attended the Public Information Meeting on November 9, 2011, that provided a mailing address; any person or organizations that submitted written comments (by letter or email) on the sewer project and SDPES permit application prior to this letter; the adjacent local businesses who received project notices by hand for the November 9, 2011 Public Information Meeting; and the Urban Justice Center, as they have previously represented businesses in the area.
4. In addition to the newspaper advertisements, the text of the newspaper notices for the Follow-up Public Information Meeting will be mailed to all of the parties on the expanded Contact List, as suggested by NYSDEC. In addition, the follow-up mailing will include a Project Notice similar to the notice sent in the original mailing, as well as a copy of the Project Fact Sheet. This follow-up mailing will be sent by regular USPS 1st class mail.

5. EDC is requesting that the official comment period for the draft SPDES Permit (now set to conclude on December 12, 2011) be extended to January 9, 2012 (21 days after the date of the Follow-up Public Information Meeting), to allow additional time for submission of public comments and preparation of the Certification Document for the project.
6. The materials in the project Document Repositories (local libraries identified in the PPP, Queens CB3, CB4, and CB7 offices, and the EDC website) have been supplemented to include copies of the permit application.
7. The project Document Repositories will also be supplemented to include copies of the Environmental Justice analysis, this letter to NYSDEC outlining the PPP enhancements, and the responses to questions/comments made at the Public Information Meeting held on November 9, 2011, that were not answered at the meeting. The comments/questions that were answered at the November 9, 2011 Public Information Meeting will be summarized and included in the Certification Document, per the published PPP.
8. The following will be noted at the Follow-up Public Information Meeting:
 - The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the project, permit the public to ask additional questions about the proposed work, and provide comments relative to the SPDES Permit Application.
 - Meeting attendees and other members of the public can make comments on the SPDES Permit Application and draft SPDES Permit to the NYSDEC until January 9, 2012.
 - The project's Document Repositories are maintained for 4 months after the SPDES Permit is issued, and that the repositories will be updated to include responses to any comments relative to the application not answered at the meeting, the Certification Document, and the SPDES Permit, once it is issued, so that these materials are available to the public for their information and reference.
9. The comments and responses of both Public Information Meetings will also be provided in the Certification Document.

This letter serves to supplement the previously published PPP for the subject project's SPDES Permit Application, prepared in conformance with NYSDEC Commissioner Policy 29 related to Environmental Justice and Permitting. Copies of this letter will be included in the project Document Repositories, as indicated above. We understand that NYSDEC agrees with EDC's approach to the enhancement of the original Public Participation Plan (PPP) for this project.

EDC would like to thank you and your colleagues for your assistance and direction as we continue to move forward through this process.

Sincerely,



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cc Michelle Moore (New York State Department of Environmental Conservation)