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**NOTICE OF MINOR MODIFICATION TO THE CROTON WATER
TREATMENT PLANT FINAL SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL
IMPACT STATEMENT FOR PROPOSED UPDATES TO THE DESIGN
AND CONSTRUCTION PLANS AT JEROME PARK RESERVOIR**

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A 1997 Consent Decree required New York City (the City) to filter the Croton Water Supply. A Second Supplement to the Consent Decree in 2004 stipulated that the proposed plant be operational by October 31, 2011. The Consent Decree provides for the imposition of stipulated penalties for failure to meet this (and other related) dates. The project started on September 28, 2004 with the Order to Commence Work for CRO-311, the Site Preparation contract for the project. In addition, the contract for constructing the Water Treatment Plant itself commenced on August 21, 2007 and the contracts subject to this Minor Modification, CRO-313 and CRO-312OS, commenced on August 23, 2006 and February 2, 2009, respectively.

Since the publication of the Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement, the New York City Department of Environmental Protection (NYCDEP) has updated the design and construction plans for activities proposed under Contracts CRO-313 and CRO-312OS. This construction work would take place in the vicinity of the Jerome Park Reservoir.

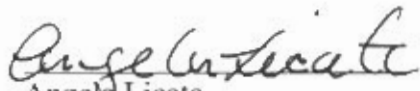
NYCDEP evaluated the potential for environmental impacts that could result from the proposed changes to the scope and schedule of the construction work and determined that no new significant adverse impacts would occur.

The traffic analysis includes a commitment to install new signal equipment at three intersections and modify signal timing at four intersections (including the three with new equipment), in order to ease congestion on roadways in the vicinity of the project site that would otherwise worsen with the proposed project modifications.

The noise analysis includes the placement of noise barriers around the Shaft and Meter Chamber in Harris Park Annex in order to attenuate noise from construction activity

The attached minor modification to the project documents the hard look by DEP required pursuant to the rules and regulation of the Environmental Conservation Law (ECL) when project modifications are proposed. The potential short-term increase in noise levels and traffic congestion related to the construction phase of the proposed modifications to the project would be attenuated through noise

barriers and traffic enhancement measures. Therefore, in accordance with ECL Part 617, the proposed modifications to the project would not result in new or previously undisclosed significant adverse impacts on the environment. Thus, no supplemental environmental impact statement needs to be prepared pursuant to Part 617.9(a)(7).



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