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**NOTICE OF POSITIVE DECLARATION,
INTENT TO PREPARE A DRAFT SUPPLEMENTAL
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT, LEAD AGENCY
DETERMINATION, DRAFT SCOPE OF WORK AND PUBLIC
HEARINGS**

Project: Croton Water Treatment Plant
CEQR No.: 98DEP027X

August 22, 2003

In accordance with the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) (Section 8-0113, Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law) as set forth in 6NYCRR Part 617, and the City Environmental Quality Review (CEQR) process, as set forth in Executive Order 91 of 1977 and its amendments, and the State Environmental Review Process (SERP) as required by the State Revolving Loan Fund Program, the New York City Department of Environmental Protection (NYCDEP) is hereby issuing a Notice of Intent to Prepare a Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (DSEIS), a Lead Agency Determination, a Draft Scope of Work for a DSEIS and a schedule for Public Hearings to take comments on the Draft Scope of Work.

Public Hearings

Public hearings are scheduled to be held in the Bronx and Valhalla, New York to receive oral and written comments on the Draft Scope of Work for the DSEIS on:

Monday, September 22, 2003
7:30-9:30 PM
Town Hall of Mount Pleasant
Court Room
One Town Hall Plaza
Valhalla, New York

Monday, September 29, 2003
7:00-9:00 PM
Lehman College
Lovinger Theater
250 Bedford Park Blvd West
Bronx, New York 10468
(Registration will start at 6:30 PM)

Written comments on the Draft Scope of Work will be accepted until October 10, 2003 and a Final Scope of Work, incorporating changes based on relevant comments, will be issued by the end of October 2003.

Project Description

The New York City Department of Environmental Protection proposes to design, construct, and operate a 290-million gallon per day (mgd) water treatment



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plant to provide filtration and disinfection of the Croton Water Supply System. The Croton Water Supply System supplies water to consumers in New York City and portions of upstate New York.

This SEIS is being undertaken to update project changes from an environmental review conducted in 1999, which resulted in the selection of the Mosholu Golf Course in Van Cortlandt Park for the site of the proposed Croton Water Treatment Plant and the April 2003 DEIS proposing the Eastview and Harlem River Sites as potential locations for the Croton Water Treatment Plant. This new action will evaluate the potential environmental impacts of the construction and operation of the proposed Croton Water Treatment Plant at three possible locations: the Eastview Site located in the Town of Mount Pleasant, Westchester County, New York; the Mosholu Site located in the Borough of the Bronx, New York; and the Harlem River Site located in the Borough of the Bronx, New York.

The proposed Croton WTP, if constructed at the Eastview Site, would be accompanied by the construction of a Raw Water Pumping Station (RWPS) to convey untreated water from the New Croton Aqueduct (NCA) to the site. Treated water connections would also be made to the Delaware Water Supply System and either the NCA or the proposed Kensico-City Tunnel for long term treated water conveyance. Treated water connections to the city distribution system at the Jerome Park Reservoir would also be required.

The proposed Croton WTP, if constructed at the Mosholu Site, would be accompanied by the construction of a Raw Water Pumping Station (RWPS) and a Treated Water Pumping Station (TWPS); the construction of treated water conveyance tunnels; and the construction of new distribution system connections at Jerome Park Reservoir.

The proposed Croton WTP, if constructed at the Harlem River Site, would be accompanied by the construction of a raw water connection to the WTP and the construction of a Treated Water Pumping Station (TWPS) to convey water from the WTP to the NCA and/or other facilities at the Jerome Park Reservoir where connections to the existing distribution system and possible reconstruction of the Jerome Pumping Station would also be involved.

Rehabilitation of the NCA and appurtenant structures would occur to repair and maintain the aqueduct irrespective of the location of the proposed plant at any of the sites or the construction of the Croton WTP at any of the sites. The repairs are required to preserve the aqueduct and prevent it from falling into disrepair.

For a more detailed description of the facilities and connections necessary at each site and at off-site locations, please refer to the Draft Scope of Work.

A copy of the Draft Scope of Work may be obtained by calling: (718) 595-4411 or by writing to: Angela Licata, Assistant Commissioner, Office of Environmental Planning and Assessment, New York City Department of Environmental Protection, 11th floor, 59-17 Junction Boulevard, Flushing, New York, 11373.

Copies of the Draft Scope of Work will also be available for review at the repositories listed in the attachment to this Notice and will be posted on the DEP web site at <http://www.nyc.gov/dep>.

The project is being proposed to meet the needs of the City of New York and to comply with state and federal drinking water standards. The New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) and the US Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) have mandated the filtration of the Croton Water Supply to comply with standards set forth in sub-part 5.1 of Chapter 1, New York State Sanitary Code, and the USEPA Surface Water Treatment Rule, a National Primary Drinking Water Regulation promulgated under the Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974.

Required Approvals

The construction of the WTP at the sites may require several discretionary actions, including approval by the New York State Department of Health and the United States Environmental Protection Agency. Certain site specific discretionary actions may also be required, which would vary depending on the site finally selected. A listing of possible site-specific discretionary approvals is provided below:

The Bronx, New York City:

If located at the Mosholu Site, a Mayoral Override letter will be sought to make the project exempt from Section 11-13 of the New York City Zoning Resolution. The New York City Uniform Land Use Review Procedure (ULURP) for the Mosholu Site was completed and approved by the City Planning Commission and the New York City Council in 1999.

If located at the Harlem River Site, the proposed project would require site selection, acquisition, waterfront zoning, acquisition of easements, landfilling and street de-mapping approvals by the New York City Planning Commission (CPC) and the New York City Council.

Westchester County, New York State:

If located at the Eastview Site in Mount Pleasant, the proposed project may require zoning and site approvals and wetlands permits from the Town Planning Board. A Local Site Approval application was submitted to the Town of Mount Pleasant on April 30, 2003.

For a full list of potentially required permits, please refer to the Draft Scope of Work.

Statement of Potential Significant Effect(s)

On behalf of the New York City Department of Environmental Protection, the Office of Environmental Planning and Assessment has determined that the proposed action is a Type 1 action and that it may have potential significant effects on the environment. Based on preliminary analyses, the Department has concluded that an environmental impact statement should be prepared to fully disclose the complex issues associated with the proposed project.

Lead Agency Determination

The New York City Department of Environmental Protection believes that it is the appropriate lead agency, since it has been mandated by the United States and New York State to directly undertake and fund the proposed project. The Department wishes to undertake a coordinated review with all involved agencies. Please notify the contact person listed below within thirty (30) days from the date of this notice if there are any objections to NYCDEP assuming lead agency status. If no objections are heard within that time frame, NYCDEP will continue to act as lead agency for the purposes of this environmental review.

Contact Person(s)

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Attached: Distribution List
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Draft Scope of Work

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