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Mr. Donald Lord
NYC Department of Environmental Protection
59-17 Junction Blvd., 11th Floor
Flushing, NY 11373

Re: EPA
Jerome Park Reservoir and Aqueduct Rehabilitation Project (JRAQ-REH)
The Jerome Park Reservoir Site
15PR05283

Dear Mr. Lord:

Thank you for continuing to consult with the New York State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO). We have reviewed the provided documentation in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 and the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) in place for the Jerome Park Reservoir. These comments are those of the SHPO and relate only to Historic/Cultural resources.

As stated in your October 5, 2016 letter, this project has modified its plans from our initial review in October of 2015 and at this time warrants a new review. We have reviewed the provided plans and project summary as recently provided. Based upon this review, it is ORPHP's opinion the proposed project will continue to have No Adverse Effect upon historic resources provided the following conditions are met:

1. The cast-in-place concrete buttress wall proposed to be constructed against the existing east reservoir wall shall, under normal operations, be below the water line.
2. For any of the proposed work where a 'new capstone' is proposed; the new capstone shall match the historic.
3. The Old Croton Aqueduct (OCA) and the East Basin Outlet will be recorder prior to being filled with flowable fill. The report shall include written documentation of the OCA and East Basin accompanied by photographs illustrating the construction details and materials. The OCA and East Basin are significant for this engineering and the report and photographs should focus on the significant period construction and engineering methodologies and techniques.

Overall, we understand that the proposed work will ensure the longevity of Jerome Park Reservoir in its primary function of providing clean water to New York City. If you have any questions, I can be reached at (518) 268-2181.

Sincerely,

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