PUBLIC NOTICE AND OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON DETERMINATION

Four public information meetings were held in May and June of 2006 at which interested members of the public were given an opportunity to provide input to EPA and NYSDOH. A draft determination was released for public review on April 12, 2007. EPA mailed notice of the availability of the draft determination to key watershed stakeholders, posted the draft determination on EPA’s website, and provided public notice in newspapers of general circulation in the areas affected. Comments on the draft determination were accepted through May 31, 2007. EPA reviewed the comments submitted. Copies of the final determination and the response to comments are available on EPA’s website at http://www.epa.gov/region02/water/nyshed/filtad.htm or by contacting the NYC Watershed Oversight Program at 212-637-3780 or via e-mail at sweeney.philip@epa.gov.

MODIFICATIONS

NYCDEP may be entitled to seek a modification of any condition of this determination upon a showing of good cause to EPA and NYSDOH. The decision to grant or deny a modification shall be within the sole discretion of the primacy agency, and will be consistent with the terms of the New York City Watershed Memorandum of Agreement.

SUBMITTALS

All submittals required under this determination must be provided to both of the following:

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NYSDOH CONSULTATION CERTIFICATION

NYSDOH has been consulted throughout the preparation of this determination and supports this determination.

JUL 30 2007
Date

Richard F. Daines, M.D.
Commissioner
New York State Department of Health

USEPA CERTIFICATION

Based on review of water quality data, New York City's December 2006 Long-Term Watershed Protection Program, NYCDEP’s compliance with the conditions contained in EPA's November 2002 determination, comments submitted on EPA’s draft determination, and in consultation with NYSDOH, has determined that until a further determination is made, scheduled for May 2017, New York City will not be required to provide filtration of its Catskill and Delaware systems. This determination is conditional upon NYCDEP complying, in a manner acceptable to EPA and NYSDOH, with all conditions set forth in this determination.

JUL 30 2007
Date

Alan J. Steinberg
Regional Administrator, Region 2
United States Environmental Protection Agency