

**State Environmental Quality Review Act/City Environmental Quality Review  
NOTICE OF DEIS HEARINGS AND EXTENSION OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

**Name of Action:** New Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan  
**CEQR #:** 03DOS004Y  
**SEQRA Classification:** Type I  
**Lead Agency:** New York City Dept. of Sanitation, 125 Worth Street, NY, NY 10013  
**Location:** Citywide

This notice has been prepared in accordance with Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law and City Environmental Quality Review procedures. The Department of Sanitation (DSNY) is proposing a new Solid Waste Management Plan for the 20-year planning period (New SWMP), together with related solid waste management facility development and procurement (collectively, the Proposed Action). A series of public hearings will be held to solicit comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Proposed Action that was accepted as complete for public review on October 22, 2004. The DEIS may be inspected at the offices of the contact person below or at 22 public repositories located in each of the five boroughs, listed in the Notice of Completion. The New SWMP and both the DEIS and the Notice of Completion are available on the DSNY website <http://nyc.gov/sanitation>.

**Extension of Comment Period:** DSNY is extending the public comment period on the DEIS to 5 pm on January 24, 2005. Comments may be made at the public hearings or sent directly to DSNY's Contact Person, from whom further information or a compact disc (CD) of the DEIS and New SWMP may be obtained: Harry Szarpanski, Assistant Commissioner, New York City Department of Sanitation, 44 Beaver Street, 12<sup>th</sup> Floor, New York, NY 10004. Phone: (917) 237-5520; Fax: (212) 269-0788.

**Location of Action:** City-wide, with certain specific sites for solid waste management facilities to include four existing DSNY Marine Transfer Station (MTS) sites: Southwest Brooklyn MTS, Shore Parkway at Bay 41<sup>st</sup> Street, Brooklyn; Hamilton Avenue MTS, Hamilton Avenue near Second Avenue at the Gowanus Canal, Brooklyn; East 91<sup>st</sup> Street MTS, East 91<sup>st</sup> Street and York Avenue, Manhattan; and North Shore MTS, 31<sup>st</sup> Avenue and 122<sup>nd</sup> Street, Queens. DSNY would contract with up to five existing private transfer stations for DSNY-managed waste (see below), and make the existing MTS located at West 59<sup>th</sup> Street and Marginal Street, Manhattan available for receipt of commercial putrescible waste. DSNY would procure services from a new private recyclables recovery and processing facility to be built at the 30<sup>th</sup> Street Pier in the South Brooklyn Marine Terminal, and a recycling education center and recyclables acceptance transfer facility would be located at the site of the former DSNY MTS facility on Pier 52 at Gansevoort Street in the Hudson River Park or at another Manhattan waterfront location to be identified.

**DEIS Public Hearing Times and Locations:**

Project Area	Date	Time	Location
Staten Island	December 1, 2004	6:00 PM	Staten Island Community Board 2 Office 460 Brielle Avenue, Staten Island, NY
Brooklyn Alternatives to Greenpoint MTS	December 2, 2004	6:00 PM	Swinging Sixties Senior Center 211 Ainslie Street, Brooklyn NY
Private Alternatives to the South Bronx MTS	December 6, 2004	6:00 PM	Alfred E. Smith High School 333 East 151 <sup>st</sup> Street, Bronx, NY

<b>Queens Alternative to Greenpoint MTS</b>	December 8, 2004	6:00 PM	Sunnyside Senior Center 43-31 39 <sup>th</sup> Street, Sunnyside, NY
<b>Hamilton Avenue MTS</b>	December 13 , 2004	6:00 PM	Brooklyn 7 Community District Office 4201 4 <sup>th</sup> Avenue, Brooklyn, NY
<b>North Shore MTS</b>	December 14, 2004	6:00 PM	Union Plaza Health Care Facility 33-23 Union Street, Flushing, NY
<b>Southwest Brooklyn MTS</b>	December 15, 2004	6:00 PM	I.S. 281 Joseph B. Cavallero School 8787 24th Avenue, Brooklyn, NY
<b>East 91<sup>st</sup> Street MTS</b>	December 20, 2004	5:30 PM	New York Blood Center (Auditorium) 310 E. 67 <sup>th</sup> Street, New York, NY

**Description of Proposed Action:** The New SWMP would provide for the management of all solid waste generated in New York City (approximately 50,000 tons per day) for the 20-year planning period, of which DSNY collects approximately 11,123 tpd of waste and 2,555 tpd of separately collected recyclables: newspaper and mixed paper; metal, glass and certain plastics (MGP) and yard wastes, while other DSNY and City managed wastes that are recycled (asphalt from road resurfacing, etc.) total approximately 2,840 tpd (FY2002). Commercial waste generated by the private sector averaged approximately 7,248 tpd of putrescible waste, 2,641 tpd of designated recyclable waste; 8,626 tpd of C&D debris, and 19,069 tpd of clean fill material (2003 figures). The New SWMP identifies the quantity and types of solid waste generated in the City and the proposed or existing solid waste management facilities used to manage such waste, and makes projections of future population, waste generation and changes to the waste stream. The New SWMP will generally continue the City's waste reduction and recycling programs and reliance on the export of non-recyclable municipal solid waste from the City for disposal, but proposes several changes in local solid waste management. DSNY proposes a 20-year contract for the receipt, processing and marketing of source-separated recyclable MGP and a portion of the City's paper, to be handled at a new private recyclables recovery and processing facility to be built by Hugo Neu Corporation (HNC) at the 30<sup>th</sup> Street Pier in the South Brooklyn Marine Terminal. In addition, DSNY proposes to construct and operate a recycling education center and recyclables acceptance facility at the former DSNY MTS facility on Pier 52 at Gansevoort Street in the Hudson River Park in Manhattan or at another location on the Manhattan waterfront.

DSNY also proposes certain solid waste management facility construction and long-term procurement for municipal waste. DSNY would deliver residential waste from Manhattan Community Districts [CD's] 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 9, 10, and 12 to the Essex County Resource Recovery Facility in Newark, N.J. DSNY would deliver residential waste from Manhattan CD's 5, 6, 8 and 11 to a newly constructed City-owned MTS (Converted MTS) where the current E. 91<sup>st</sup> Street MTS stands, where it would be containerized (loaded into sealed, leak-proof containers) for further transport by barge. DSNY would contract to deliver waste from Bronx CD's 1 through 12 to one or two private waste transfer stations for truck-to-rail disposal of the waste: Waste Management's truck-to-rail transfer station at 98 Lincoln Avenue, and/or Allied Waste Services' transfer station at East 132<sup>nd</sup> Street, Bronx, using a related intermodal rail facility at Oak Point Rail Yard, Oak Point Avenue and Barry Street, Bronx. DSNY would contract to deliver waste from Brooklyn CD's 1, 3, 4 and 5 to Waste Management's transfer station at 485 Scott Avenue and/or Allied/BFI's transfer station at 72 Scott Avenue/598 Scholes Street, Brooklyn for truck-to-rail or truck-to-barge transport and waste disposal. For waste from Brooklyn CD's 2, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 14, 16, 17 and 18, DSNY would develop a City-owned Converted MTS on the same site as the existing Hamilton Avenue MTS, where waste will be received and containerized for export by barge. For waste from Brooklyn

CD's 11, 12, 13 and 15, DSNY would develop a City-owned Converted MTS on the site of the former Southwest Brooklyn Incinerator, adjacent to the existing MTS, where DSNY-managed Waste will be received and containerized for export. For waste from Queens CD's 1 through 6, DSNY would enter into a long-term contract with Waste Management for truck-to-rail or truck-to-barge transfer and disposal of DSNY-managed Waste using Waste Management's transfer station at 30-58 Review Avenue, Queens and (potentially) the Maspeth Rail Yard on Maspeth Avenue and Rust Street in Queens, for transloading onto railcars for export from the City. For waste from Queens CD's 7 through 14, DSNY would develop a City-owned Converted MTS on the same site as the existing North Shore MTS, where DSNY-managed Waste will be received and containerized for export. For the four wastesheds to be served by Converted MTSs, DSNY would also enter into 20-year service agreements with one or more waste management companies for transport of containerized waste by barge directly from an MTS to disposal facilities or to intermodal facilities for transloading to railcars or a larger barge for further transport to an appropriately permitted out-of-City disposal facility. Support facilities for the Converted MTSs may include the 52<sup>nd</sup> Street Barge Staging Area at 52<sup>nd</sup> Street and First Avenue, Brooklyn used by DSNY in the past, an intermodal Barge-to-Rail yard located at Waste Management's Harlem River Yard transfer station facility at East 132<sup>nd</sup> Street and St. Ann's Avenue in the Bronx, and an intermodal Barge-to-Rail yard (65<sup>th</sup> Street Rail Yard) in Brooklyn. The New SWMP also proposes to allow a certain amount of commercial putrescible waste at the Converted MTSs, and to make the existing West 59<sup>th</sup> Street MTS available to private waste management companies to use for the transfer of such waste.

The proposed Converted MTSs would have advanced odor controls and no queuing of DSNY collection vehicles on city streets. For the Proposed Action, the proposed mitigation measures for impacts related to traffic and noise include adjusting traffic signal timing at a total of 10 intersections, a peak-hour reduction in the number of DSNY vehicles making deliveries to the East 132<sup>nd</sup> Street Transfer Station facility; and a restriction on the number of Commercial Waste vehicles delivering waste to the Hamilton Avenue, East 91<sup>st</sup> Street and North Shore Converted MTSs during certain hours to mitigate off-site noise impacts at night. Several alternatives to the Long Term Export elements of the Proposed Action were considered.

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