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## Press Advisory: New York's Water Supply System: A Study in the Monumental

In celebration of the 100 th anniversary of the creation of the Board of Water Supply Commissioner Emily Lloyd of the New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) will deliver welcoming remarks at a panel discussion, entitled NEW YORK CITY'S WATER SUPPLYSYSTEM: A STUDY IN THE MONUMENTAL. The discussion will take place on April 12 at 6:30 pm in the Concourse Auditorium of CUNY Graduate Center, 365 Fifth Avenue (between 34 th and 35 th Streets). In addition to DEP, the Highbridge Coalition and the Gotham Center for New York City are sponsoring the panel discussion.

Conference presenters include :

Moderator: Gerard Koeppel, author of *Water for Gotham: A History*; writer, journalist, and historian

A System Overview . . . Joel A. Miele, Sr., P.E ., Commissioner, NYC Board of Standards & Appeals; formerly Commissioner, NYC Department of Environmental Protection

Watershed Perspective . . . Diane Galusha , author of *Liquid Assets: A History of New York City's Water System*; Communications Director and Education Coordinator, Catskill Watershed Corp

An Historical View of the High Bridge . . . Robert Kornfeld, Jr. , AIA, Vice President, Friends of the Old Croton Aqueduct; architect, LZA Technology; preservationist and Croton waterworks historian

The Current Engineering Inspection of the High Bridge . . . Michael Soliman , P.E , Director, Roadway Bridges – Manhattan and Brooklyn, NYC Department of Transportation

A Sandhog's Work: Significant Changes in the Last 30 Years . . . Dale Estus , Local 147, Tunnel Workers Union; Third Water Tunnel Superintendent (Manhattan leg) for Schiavone/Shea/Frontier Kemper, at Shaft 26B.

Background:

Prior to the creation of the Board of Water Supply, the City had developed the Croton River to bring water from Westchester to New York. When created in 1905, the Board

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