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April 1, 2005

RE: Issuance of Final Environmental Impact Statement and Notice of Completion in support of the New Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan and Department of Sanitation ULURP Applications C050175PSK, C050176PSK, C050174PSQ and C050173PCM

Dear Involved Agency/Interested Party:

The New York City (City) Department of Sanitation (DSNY) issued a Draft New York City Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan for the next twenty-year planning period (New SWMP) in October 2004. DSNY, as lead agency for the environmental review, encloses a Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the New SWMP and the accompanying Notice of Completion for the FEIS pursuant to the City Environmental Quality Review Procedures and the State Environmental Quality Review Act in October 2004. The FEIS also supports the above-referenced DSNY Uniform Land Use Review Procedure (ULURP) applications for the four proposed Converted Marine Transfer Stations. In preparation for the FEIS, DSNY issued a Draft Scoping Document in May 2004 and a Final Scoping Document and Draft EIS (DEIS) in October 2004 after conducting an enhanced public participation process that included ten public scoping meetings and a public comment period which ran from May 17 to July 11, 2004. The enhanced public participation process continued with eight DEIS public hearings in December 2004 and a DEIS public comment period which ran from October 22, 2004 to January 24, 2005. Additional outreach was conducted in connection with ULURP public hearings held in January 2005.

The FEIS will also be available at twenty-two public repositories and on the DSNY website (www.nyc.gov/sanitation), and will be available by contacting DSNY, all as set forth in the enclosed Notice. The FEIS Statement of Findings will also appear on the DSNY website. A second distribution of the Notice will be mailed to an expanded distribution list shortly.

As set forth in the enclosed FEIS and Notice, the New SWMP is a plan for the management of all of the solid waste generated in the City. In particular, the New SWMP proposes to award a 20-year contract for the processing and marketing of recyclables and the development of a recyclables processing facility in the City, the development of four Converted Marine Transfer Stations (MTSS) (rather than eight as previously contemplated), the award of up to five contracts with private transfer station operators for barge or rail export of DSNY-managed waste, and an intergovernmental agreement to dispose of a portion of Manhattan's DSNY-managed waste at the Essex County Resource Recovery Facility in New Jersey. In addition, the New SWMP makes available the West 59th Street MTS in Manhattan for putrescible commercial waste export from the City.

Sincerely,

Harry Szarpanski
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Enclosures (FEIS and Notice of Completion)

c: Commissioner John J. Doherty
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