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Statement from Department of Environmental Protection Commissioner Emily Lloyd on Verdict in David Reese Trial

“We hope the jury’s verdict today marks another step toward closure for the many DEP employees who were shaken by the tragic shooting at our Kingston office. We are also sending our thoughts to the Thomas family and the Reese family today. We hope they are finding support in the company of friends and loved ones through this difficult time.

“DEP wants to thank the Ulster County District Attorney’s Office, the Kingston Police Department and the New York State Police for their investigation and prosecution of this case. We also want to extend our gratitude to the counselors and other professionals who assisted us in supporting our employees over the past 16 months.

“We are very committed to learning all that we can from this incident, and to making DEP a stronger and wiser organization going forward.”

DEP manages New York City’s water supply, providing more than one billion gallons of high quality water each day to more than 9 million New Yorkers. This includes more than 70 upstate communities and institutions in Ulster, Orange, Putnam and Westchester counties who consume an average of 110 million total gallons of drinking water daily from New York City’s water supply system. This water comes from the Catskill, Delaware, and Croton watersheds that extend more than 125 miles from the City, and the system comprises 19 reservoirs, three controlled lakes, and numerous tunnels and aqueducts. DEP has nearly 6,000 employees, including almost 1,000 scientists, engineers, surveyors, watershed maintainers and other professionals in the upstate watershed. In addition to its \$70 million payroll and \$157 million in annual taxes paid in upstate counties, DEP has invested more than \$1.7 billion in watershed protection programs—including partnership organizations such as the Catskill Watershed Corporation and the Watershed Agricultural Council—that support sustainable farming practices, environmentally sensitive economic development, and local economic opportunity. In addition, DEP has a robust capital program with over \$14 billion in investments planned over the next 10 years that will create up to 3,000 construction-related jobs per year. For more information, visit nyc.gov/dep, like us on [Facebook](#), or follow us on [Twitter](#).

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