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RE: Draft Scoping Document for the New Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan Draft Environmental Impact Statement

Dear Elected Official/Involved Agency/Interested Party:

The New York City (City) Department of Sanitation (DSNY) is preparing a draft of the new Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan for the next twenty-year planning period (New SWMP). The New SWMP will set forth a cost-effective and environmentally responsible plan for the management of all of the solid waste generated in the City. To that end, the New SWMP will address the development of the long-term export system for DSNY-managed Waste, the acceptance, processing and transport of Curbside Recyclables in the City and management of commercial waste in the City.

The environmental review to support the New SWMP is being prepared pursuant to City Environmental Quality Review procedures and the State Environmental Quality Review Act (CEQR/SEQRA). Accordingly, on May 3, 2004, DSNY, as lead agency, issued the enclosed Environmental Assessment Statement and a Notice of Determination (Positive Declaration), stating its intention to prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) and conduct public scoping. DSNY has also elected to conduct an enhanced public outreach program in accordance with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation's Environmental Justice (EJ) and Permitting Policy Guidance.

The enclosed Draft Scoping Document for the New SWMP describes the proposed action and alternatives to be evaluated in the New SWMP DEIS. It also describes the methodologies and types of information that will be used to evaluate potential impacts. The Draft Scoping Document is being distributed for public review and comment. A Final Scoping Document, revised to address public comment, will also be prepared. The circulation of the Final Scoping Document is expected to occur between July 15 and July 30, 2004.

The enclosed Notice of Public Scoping sets forth the schedule for ten Public Scoping Meetings scheduled in the EJ project areas that will be held from June 16th through July 1st. Comments on the Draft Scoping Document may be submitted in person at the Public Scoping Meetings. In addition, written comments postmarked by July 9, 2004, can be sent to Assistant Commissioner Harry Szarpanski at the Department of Sanitation, 44 Beaver Street, 12th Floor, New York, NY 10004. Comments may also be directed to New SWMP Comments c/o Ecology and Environment, Inc., 90 Broad Street, Suite 1906, New York, NY 10004.

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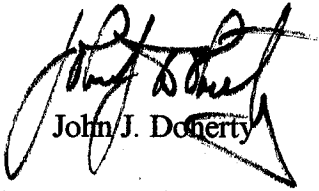
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The above-mentioned environmental review-related documents will be available on the DSNY web site (www.nyc.gov/sanitation). DSNY encourages your participation in the development of the New SWMP.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures (3): Draft Scoping Document
Environmental Assessment Statement/Positive Declaration
Notice of Public Scoping

c: Robert Orlin, Deputy Commissioner
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