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Dear Dr. Young and Mr. Sweeney:

Section 4.11 of the NYSDOH Revised 2007 Filtration Avoidance Determination (FAD) requires the City to submit to NYSDOH/EPA and NYSDEC a draft scope of work for an Expert Panel review of DEP's use of OST. The FAD requires that the scope detail the goals and questions to be answered by the Panel, and set forth timeframes for the Expert Panel's review and report.

Per the FAD, this document is due September 30, 2014. DEP is submitting the scope of work early. DEP has begun discussions on a contract with the National Research Council to conduct the Expert Panel review. The scope of work must be finalized soon, to allow the contracting process to proceed.

As always, if you have any questions about this report or other aspects of the City's watershed protection efforts, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'D. S. Warne', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

David S. Warne
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c: K. Kosinski, DEC