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Dear Mr. Warne:

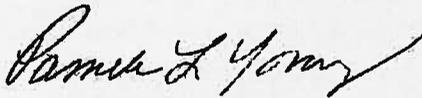
NYSDOH and USEPA have reviewed the "Watershed Agricultural Program - Precision Feed Management Proposal" ("Proposal"), which was submitted by NYCDEP September 8, 2014 as required by the Revised 2007 FAD. The Proposal provides a plan for funding and implementing Precision Feed Management (PFM) on 60 eligible farms in the Cannonsville basin.

NYSDOH and USEPA approve this proposal. In addition, NYSDOH and USEPA accept current justification for focusing the program in the Cannonsville basin, as water quality in this reservoir has seen a recent increase in phosphorus levels, and may therefore be expected to benefit more from this program than other NYC reservoirs.

NYSDOH and USEPA request that NYCDEP provide information on the PFM eligibility criteria once it is developed. Given that PFM eligibility criteria have yet to be developed and there may be variability in farmers' interest in participating in the program, NYSDOH and USEPA acknowledge the possibility that the final number of participating farms may be less than 60. Should this occur, NYCDEP will be required to submit a letter justifying a reduction in participating farms prior to proceeding with the program.

Please contact me if you have any questions or would like to discuss this matter further.

Sincerely,



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