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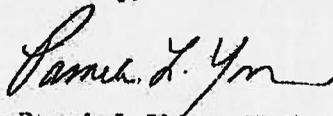
Dear Mr. Warne:

New York State Department of Health, United States Environmental Protection Agency, and New York State Department of Environmental Conservation have reviewed New York City Department of Environmental Protection's (NYCDEP) December 30, 2013 submittal, which proposes a Septic System Rehabilitation Reimbursement Program for the West Branch and Boyd Corners Reservoir Basins. We offer the following comments on this proposal:

- 1) Language regarding what septic systems will be eligible for the program should correspond with the agreed-upon language used in the Revised 2007 FAD - i.e. septic systems that are "reasonably likely-to-fail in the near future". You may consider including the clarification "as judged by a qualified inspector";
- 2) The proposal implies that participation materials will only be supplied to those who have a failing septic system. Please clarify that materials will be available to anyone who might be interested in more information on the program; and
- 3) On page 2, first paragraph, how is "financial hardship" defined?

Once these comments are addressed, we should be in a position to approve NYCDEP's proposal. Please feel free to contact me if you would like to discuss this matter further.

Sincerely,



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