

27.0 IRREVERSIBLE AND IRRETRIEVABLE COMMITMENTS OF RESOURCES

Environmental resources would be irretrievably lost from implementation of the Proposed Action and, consequently, would not be available for reuse for other purposes. These include the irreversible and irretrievable use of natural and man-made resources that would be expended during the construction and operation of the Proposed Action, including the use of building materials, energy and human effort required to construct and operate the Proposed Action. These are considered to be irretrievably committed, since their reuse for another purpose would be highly unlikely or completely unviable.

Substantial amounts of construction and building material would be irretrievably committed to the construction of the MN 1/2/5 Garage and Salt Shed. Energy would be used in the daily operation of the DSNY trucks and vehicles. The MN 1/2/5 Garage would consume energy for space heating and cooling. The MN 1/2/5 Garage would be constructed with energy efficient elements and recycled materials where feasible, in accordance with the U.S. Green Building Council certification for LEED status, in an effort to minimize the building's environmental "footprint."