

## Foreword

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The Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center (MSK) and The City University of New York (CUNY)-Hunter College project was certified as complete by the Office of the Deputy Mayor for Economic Development (ODMED), as lead agency under City Environmental Quality Review, and issued for public review and comment on March 14, 2013. A public hearing on the DEIS was held on July 10, 2013 concurrently with the Uniform Land Use Review Procedure (ULURP) public hearing held by the New York City Planning Commission at Spector Hall, 22 Reade Street, New York, NY 10007. Oral and written comments were accepted at that hearing and throughout the public comment period, which was held open until 5:00 PM on Monday, July 22, 2013.

This Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) reflects notable changes subsequent to publishing the DEIS, which include the following:

Chapter 2, “Land Use, Zoning, and Public Policy,” Chapter 3, “Open Space,” and Chapter 4, “Shadows,” have been updated to include an additional 9,392 square feet (0.22 acres) of publicly accessible passive open space that would be developed independent of the proposed project. This new open space comprises two parcels along the waterfront on the East River Esplanade, located north and south of the Con Edison oil receiving facility, and will be improved by Con Edison and opened for public access.

In Chapter 5, “Historic and Cultural Resources,” text has been added to reference approval by the New York State Office of Parks Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP) of the Construction Protection Plan (CPP) prepared to protect architectural resources within 90 feet of the two State and National Register-eligible resources—the Con Edison 74th Street Steam Plant and the garage at 524 East 73rd Street. A CPP to avoid inadvertent construction-related impacts on these architectural resources was prepared and submitted to the New York City Landmarks Preservation Commission (LPC) and OPRHP for review. In comments dated May 28, 2013, LPC concurred with the measures set forth in the CPP. OPRHP also approved the CPP in a letter dated June 14, 2013. These letters have been added to **Appendix C**.

In Chapter 10, “Air Quality,” the analysis has been updated to reflect the changes made to the Air Quality Chapter in the *CEQR Technical Manual*, in which the PM<sub>2.5</sub> interim guidance criteria was replaced by *de minimis* criteria. The stationary source analysis has also been updated based on more recent energy modeling and the modifications made to the building design between the DEIS and FEIS, and certain analysis assumptions for the reasonable worst-case scenario for the boilers were revised.

Chapter 11, “Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Climate Change,” has been updated to reflect a more recent emissions estimate and the benefits estimated to be achieved based on the 50 percent design and the included measures. The discussion of sea level rise has been updated to include June 2013 data from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the updated sea level rise projections from the New York City Panel on Climate Change (NPCC).

The analyses presented in Chapter 15, “Construction,” have been updated to include a revised construction schedule and in coordination with the New York City Department of Transportation (NYCDOT) and the New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), includes quantitative assessments of the project’s construction on traffic and noise, respectively.

Chapter 17, “Mitigation,” and Chapter 18, “Unavoidable Adverse Impacts,” were revised to account for changes to the analysis and mitigation measures based on ongoing coordination with NYCDOT.

In addition to these changes, the FEIS summarizes the comments made during the public review period and provides responses in Chapter 21, “Response to Comments.” Oral and written testimony provided at the July 10, 2013 public hearing and submitted during the comment period are included in **Appendix F**.

Where appropriate, the text of other chapters of this FEIS was revised in response to comments, revisions in the analyses, or editorial changes. These revisions and changes are indicated by ~~strikethroughs~~ and double underlines.