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- This SB supersedes the following SBs: **NONE**

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- ATTACHMENT 1:** Revised Section 7.88 – Rodent and Waterbug Pest Control
Pages A1-1 through A1-6

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No Changes.

REVISIONS TO THE NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION STANDARD HIGHWAY SPECIFICATIONS VOLUME 2 OF 2, DATED 8/1/15:

All references contained below are to the New York City Department of Transportation Standard Highway Specifications, Dated August 1, 2015. Said Standard Highway Specifications are hereby revised as follows:

- Refer** to Pages 515 through 520, Section 7.88 – Rodent and Waterbug Pest Control;
Delete in its entirety the Section;
Substitute the revised Section in Attachment 1 (6 pages).

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SECTION 7.88 - Rodent and Waterbug Pest Control

7.88.1. DESCRIPTION. The Contractor shall provide all labor, materials, plant and equipment, and incidentals required to survey and monitor rodent activity and control any infestation or outbreak of rodents and waterbugs (cockroaches) within the project limit.

New York City ("NYC") Local Law 37 of 2005 requires that the Contractor, or any subcontractor that the Contractor hires, shall comply with Chapter 12 of Title 17 of the NYC Administrative Code with respect to the application of pesticides to any property owned or leased by the City of New York..

7.88.2. MATERIALS. All materials shall be Registered by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation ("NYSDEC") and comply with the NYC Health Code for the intended usage. Materials classified as Toxicity Category I, carcinogenic to humans by the US Environmental Protection Agency ("USEPA"), or classified as a developmental toxin by the State of California's Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment shall not be used. The Contractor shall verify that materials are:

- "NOT PROHIBITED" by the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene ("NYC-DOHMH") using the NYC-DOHMH's Pesticide Product Search, available at:
< <https://a816-healthpsi.nyc.gov/1137/ProductTestPesticide.aspx> >.
- On the NYSDEC's list of Currently Registered Pesticides, available at:
< <http://pims.psur.cornell.edu/> >.

Rodenticide weatherproof (wax based) bait blocks shall be multiple dose anticoagulants such as Chlorophacinone, or single feed anticoagulants such as Brodifacoum (Weatherblok XT, Final All-Weather Blox), Bromadiolone (Contrac Blox), or an approved equivalent, registered by NYSDEC and not prohibited by NYC-DOHMH. Loose rodenticide meal or rodenticide pellet bait shall not be used.

Tamper proof bait station boxes shall be designed to exclude other mammals and shall be used with poisoned bait to attract rats. Information on "tamper proof bait station boxes" is available from the NYC-DOHMH Office of Pest Control Services (646-632-6600).

Live traps shall be of proper dimensions for trapping rats and mice, and shall not be used with poisoned bait.

Insecticide bait shall be a residual type registered by NYSDEC and not prohibited by NYC-DOHMH.

(A) SUBMITTALS

Prior to commencement of construction activities the Contractor shall submit to the Engineer manufacturer's installation instructions for all materials required for rodent and waterbug pest control work and product data which shall include illustrations, catalog data, pesticide labels, product characteristics, typical use, performance and limitation criteria of all rodent and waterbug pest control materials required. All pesticides and rodenticide submittals shall be accompanied by a printout from the NYC-DOHMH Pesticide Product Search showing that the specific brand of pesticide and rodenticide is "NOT PROHIBITED."

7.88.3. PERSONNEL. The Contractor shall employ two independent licensed exterminators: one to engage in survey and monitoring work to establish the level of infestation of rodents and insects and provide recommendations for specific Integrated Pest Management ("IPM") actions, and one to execute the rodent and waterbug pest control work to deal with such infestations. All pest control personnel employed by each exterminator company shall be licensed by NYSDEC as a Commercial Pesticide Applicator, Commercial Pesticide Technician or Commercial Pesticide Apprentice and must be supervised by an exterminator licensed by NYSDEC as a Commercial Applicator in categories 7A ("Structural & Rodent Control") & 8 ("Public Health Pest Control"). It is recommended (but not required) that all personnel engaged in survey and monitoring work or rodent control work possess a certificate of

completion from the NYC-DOHMH's half-day or three-day "Rodent Academy." The Contractor shall submit the names and license credentials of the two exterminator companies to the Engineer for approval prior to the commencement of any work under this section.

7.88.4. METHODS. Application and dosage of all materials shall be done in strict compliance with the manufacturer's recommendations. All surveying, monitoring, baiting, and/or live trapping work shall be performed in the presence of the Engineer, without which no payment will be made under this Section.

(A) GENERAL

The Contractor's construction activity is expected to disturb any established rodent and/or waterbug population that may exist within the project limits, possibly causing their dispersion. The Contractor shall take all appropriate action to eliminate and/or control these populations within the construction corridor: the construction corridor shall be defined as being the full width of streets under the contract and intersecting streets up to the limits of construction, from property line to property line, excluding buildings and under sidewalk building vaults.

Under the Maintenance of Site requirements for the contract, any unsanitary conditions, such as uncollected garbage or debris, resulting from the Contractor's activities which will provide food and shelter to the resident rodent population shall be corrected by the Contractor immediately after notification of such condition by the Engineer. Non-compliance shall be subject to the application of the "Nonconformance" provisions of the Item for Maintenance of Site, and no payment will be made for any additional application of rodenticide or insecticide needed to control resultant infestations.

(B) SURVEY AND MONITORING WORK

(1) Prior to Construction - The Contractor's designated survey and monitoring exterminator shall execute a survey of the project area and estimate the level of rodent (Norway rat, House mouse) infestation and the waterbug population within the construction corridor. An appropriate sample of utility manholes (sewer, electrical, telephone, etc.) and catch basins should be opened and surveyed to the satisfaction of the Engineer. Contractor shall maintain all survey records in the manner described in 7.88.6., Records and Reports.

(2) During Construction - The Contractor shall monitor the rodent activity through trapping (snap, glue traps or live traps), fecal count methods, and inspection of the conditions of all installed baits every week during construction activity or as otherwise directed by the Engineer. Monitoring during construction shall cover Contractor's plant and temporary facilities. Contractor shall maintain all monitoring records in the manner described in Section 7.88.6. on "Records and Reports" of this specification.

(C) RODENT CONTROL WORK

(1) Wetlands, Woodlands and Areas Within Seventy-five (75') feet of a Stream. In wetlands, woodlands and areas adjacent to a stream, special precautions must be taken to protect water quality and to ensure the safety of other wildlife. To prevent poisoned bait from entering streams, no poisoned bait shall be used in areas within seventy-five (75') feet of either streambank. Live traps must be used in these seventy-five (75') feet buffer zone areas and within wetland and woodland areas.

(2) Outside Wetland Areas, Woodland Areas and Beyond Seventy-five (75') feet of a Stream. In areas outside the seventy-five foot zone of protection adjacent to streams, and areas outside wetlands and woodlands, tamper proof bait stations with poisoned bait shall be established during the period of construction and any consumed or decomposed bait shall be replenished as directed.

Rodent control shall be achieved in two stages as follows:

- Stage I. At least one month prior to initiation of the construction work, and periodically thereafter, live traps and/or rodenticide bait, as directed above, shall be placed at locations [e.g., burrows, utility manholes (sewer, electrical, phone, etc.), and catch basins] that are inaccessible to pets, human beings, children and other non-target species, particularly wildlife (e.g., birds) in the construction corridor. Locations of initial bait placement and quantities of bait shall be determined by the survey and monitoring exterminator's written report of his survey and monitoring results, or as otherwise directed by the Engineer.
- Stage II. During Construction - Infested sites as determined by the survey and monitoring exterminator's monitoring report shall be baited and/or rebaited, and live traps shall be collected and replaced, the rates and quantities of which shall be determined by the written monitoring reports submitted weekly or as otherwise directed by the Engineer in consultation with the City's Office of Pest Control.

Bait may be placed in dry manholes without a tamper-proof bait station box, if the manhole configuration does not permit the use of a bait station box. If a sanitary sewer manhole has a concrete invert platform of sufficient size, a bait box shall be used. Bait placed in a manhole outside of a tamper-proof box shall be strung on a stainless-steel wire, and secured to the manhole structure. No separate payment shall be made for the wire or securing the wire to the manhole, and shall be deemed included in the bid price for Baiting of Rodent Base Stations. Rodent control personnel entering manholes shall comply with the confined space requirements required by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration ("OSHA") 29 CFR 1929 - Subpart AA – Confined Spaces in Construction.

The use of tamper proof bait station boxes shall be used with rodenticide in all other cases.

The baiting exterminator shall be responsible for collecting and disposing of all trapped and poisoned rodents found in live traps and tamper proof bait stations. Non-target species captured in live traps shall be released by the baiting exterminator within twenty-four (24) hours after notification by the Engineer. The baiting exterminator shall also be responsible for posting and maintaining signs announcing the baiting of each particular location. The signs shall be placed at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the application of any pesticide or rodenticide, and shall meet the requirements of Local Law 37 of 2005. NYC-DOHMH provides a sample template sign for pesticide notification purposes in compliance with the law at:

< <http://www1.nyc.gov/assets/doh/downloads/pdf/pesticide/notification-sign.pdf> >.

The Contractor, under his maintenance of site operations, shall be responsible for the immediate collection and disposal of any visible rodent remains found on streets or sidewalk within the project limits. Any visible remains shall be placed into double plastic bags. No more than five (5) carcasses shall be placed into each bag. Each bag shall be a minimum of three (3) mils thick, black plastic. The bag shall have a note taped on with the contents (e.g., "dead rat"), and disposed as required by the NYC Department of Sanitation. No additional payment will be made for this work.

It is anticipated that public complaints will be addressed to the Engineer's Field Office. The Contractor, where directed by the Engineer, shall take appropriate Integrated Pest Management ("IPM") actions, such as baiting, trapping, proofing, etc., to remedy the source of a complaint within the next six (6) hours of normal working time, which is defined herein, for the purposes of this section, as 7 A.M. to 6 P.M. on Mondays through Saturdays.

(D) WATERBUG CONTROL

Waterbugs shall include American Cockroaches, Oriental Cockroaches, Smoky Brown Cockroaches, Madeira Cockroaches, and other similar species.

Infested sites (e.g., sewers) shall be baited at least two (2) times per month with insecticides, or as directed by the Engineer in consultation with the exterminator monitoring the work and the NYC-DOHMH Office of Pest Control Services.

7.88.5. EDUCATION & TRAINING. The Contractor shall post notices in all Construction Bulletin Boards advising workers, employees, and residents to call the Engineer's Field Office to report rodent and waterbug infestations. The Contractor shall provide and distribute literature pertaining to IPM techniques of rodent control to affected businesses and superintendents of nearby residential buildings to ensure their participation in maintaining their establishments free of unsanitary conditions, harborage removal and rodent proofing.

Prior to application of any chemicals, the Contractor shall furnish copies or sample labels for each pesticide, antidote information and Material Data Safety Sheets ("MSDS") for each chemical used.

7.88.6. RECORDS AND REPORTS.

(A) GENERAL

The Contractor shall be responsible for assigning within the construction corridor an identifying number to each manhole, catch basin, and other location where bait and/or live trap placement and/or waterbug control work is proposed by the survey and monitoring exterminator. The Contractor shall then provide that list of locations and corresponding reference numbers along with a drawing showing the locations, as a reference for the exterminator(s) performing the work, to indicate locations of bait placement and waterbug control work and rodent and waterbug activity (droppings, bait consumed, dead rodents, etc.)

(B) SURVEY AND MONITORING WORK

(1) Prior to Construction – Contractor shall submit to the Engineer, for approval, a written survey report including proposed IPM procedures, including specific materials, quantities, locations, methods and time schedule for the implementation of the exterminating work. The written report shall also include a survey with a drawing (provided by the Contractor) marked with locations indicating all signs of rodent (Norway rat, House mouse) infestation and waterbug activity discovered during the execution of the survey indicating that rodent and waterbug pest control work is necessary. The report will be developed with input from the NYC-DOHMH Rat Information Portal at: http://maps.nyc.gov/doitt/nycitymap/template/?applicationName=DOH_RIP >.

(2) During Construction - Based on monitoring results, Contractor shall submit to the Engineer a weekly written monitoring report identifying all locations and conditions of installed bait and/or other rodent control work. The monitoring report shall also include any other recommended IPM techniques, such as baiting, trapping, proofing, etc., proposed for rodent and waterbug pest control.

The survey and monitoring exterminator shall keep a record of all rodent and waterbug infestation surveys s/he has conducted. The Contractor shall be required to submit a copy of all survey and monitoring reports to the Engineer each week, prior to payment.

(C) RODENT AND WATERBUG CONTROL WORK

The baiting exterminator shall maintain records using the NYC Pesticide Use Reporting System ("NYCPURS"). These records will be kept by the Engineer. A weekly report from NYCPURS shall be prepared, signed and certified by the approved licensed exterminator, and such reports shall be submitted to the Engineer each week, prior to payment.

7.88.7. NONCONFORMANCE. If the Contractor fails to perform as directed to control the rodent and/or waterbug population at any location within the project limits for a period of more than one week, the Engineer will correct the adverse conditions by any means he deems appropriate, including but not limited to, the use of "outside services" and shall deduct the cost of the corrective work from any monies due to the Contractor. The deducted cost of this work shall be in addition to the non-payment for rodent and waterbug pest control.

7.88.8. MEASUREMENT.

(A) RODENT INFESTATION SURVEY AND MONITORING

The quantity to be measured for payment under Item No. 7.88 AA, RODENT INFESTATION SURVEY AND MONITORING, shall be a Lump Sum measurement.

(B) RODENT BAIT STATIONS

The quantity to be measured for payment under Item No. 7.88 AB, RODENT BAIT STATIONS, shall be the number of tamper-proof rodent bait station boxes and/or live traps satisfactorily installed or reinstalled after inspection within the construction corridor, as approved by the Engineer. However, the initial baiting, and subsequent rebaiting as may be required, of any bait station will be paid for under Item No. 7.88 AC.

(C) BAITING OF RODENT BAIT STATIONS

The quantity to be measured for payment under Item No. 7.88 AC, BAITING OF RODENT BAIT STATIONS, shall be the number of tamper-proof rodent bait station boxes, utility manholes, catch basins, or other locations approved by the Engineer, satisfactorily baited or rebaited to replenish consumed or decomposed bait within the construction corridor, as approved by the Engineer.

(D) WATERBUG BAIT APPLICATION

The quantity to be measured for payment under Item No. 7.88 AD, WATERBUG BAIT APPLICATIONS, shall be the number of blocks satisfactorily treated with insecticide bait within the construction corridor, as approved by the Engineer. A block shall be defined as the area of street, measured between property lines, from intersection to intersection. Each rebaiting of any block shall be considered as a new block for measurement purposes.

7.88.9. PRICES TO COVER.

(A) RODENT INFESTATION SURVEY AND MONITORING

Payment will be made at the lump sum price bid for RODENT INFESTATION SURVEY AND MONITORING which shall include the cost of furnishing all the labor, materials, plant, equipment (traps, etc.), insurance, and other incidentals required, including but not limited to providing all required maintenance of traffic equipment, to perform a rodent infestation survey of the project area and then monitor the site each week for rodent activity, all in accordance with the specifications and the directions of the Engineer.

Ten (10%) percent of the lump sum price bid will be paid when the initial survey of the project area has been completed and the written survey report has been submitted to the satisfaction of the Engineer. The remainder will be paid in proportion to the percentage of contract completion.

(B) RODENT BAIT STATIONS

The Contract price bid for RODENT BAIT STATIONS shall be a unit price per each tamper proof bait station box and/ or live trap installed or reinstalled after inspection and shall cover the cost of furnishing

all labor, materials, plant, equipment (bait stations, etc.), insurance, and other incidentals, including but not limited to providing all required maintenance of traffic equipment, required to control the rodent population found within the project limits in accordance with the specifications and the directions of the Engineer.

In addition to the payment for Rodent Bait Stations installed or reinstalled under this Item No. 7.88 AB, the Contractor will also be paid for each baiting or rebaiting, when required, of each bait station, under Item No. 7.88 AC.

(C) BAITING OF RODENT BAIT STATIONS

The Contract price bid for BAITING OF RODENT BAIT STATIONS shall be a unit price per each bait station, utility manhole, catch basin or other location approved by the Engineer satisfactorily baited or rebaited, when required, and shall cover the cost of furnishing all labor, materials, plant, equipment (bait), insurance, NYCPURS recordkeeping, and other incidentals, in accordance with the specifications and directions of the Engineer. Installation or resetting of the bait station will be paid for under Item No. 7.88 AB.

(D) WATERBUG BAIT APPLICATION

The Contract price bid for WATERBUG BAIT APPLICATION shall be a unit price per block treated by the exterminator and shall include the cost of furnishing all the labor, materials, plant, equipment (bait, etc.), insurance, NYCPURS recordkeeping, and other incidentals, including but not limited to providing all required maintenance of traffic equipment, necessary to control the waterbug population found within the project limits for the duration of the contract in accordance with the specifications and the directions of the Engineer.

Payment will be made under:

Item No.	Item	Pay Unit
7.88 AA	RODENT INFESTATION SURVEY AND MONITORING	L.S.
7.88 AB	RODENT BAIT STATIONS	EACH
7.88 AC	BAITING OF RODENT BAIT STATIONS	EACH
7.88 AD	WATERBUG BAIT APPLICATION	BLOCK