

**Environmental Notice Bulletin**  
**Region 3**  
**Notice of Availability**  
**Final Scoping Document**  
**Response to Comments on the Draft Scope**  
**March 22, 2017**

**Orange, Putnam, Ulster and Westchester Counties** - The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC), as lead agency, has issued a Final Scoping Document for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement to be prepared for the proposed modification to the NYSDEC State Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (SPDES) Permit for the Catskill Influent Chamber (Catalum SPDES Permit No. 026 4652), to incorporate measures to control turbidity in water diverted from Ashokan Reservoir and to postpone dredging of alum floc at Kensico Reservoir until completion of certain infrastructure projects. NYSDEC has also issued a companion Response to Comments on the Draft Scope. The Final Scoping Document and Response to Comments are available for public review at the NYSDEC and New York City Department of Environmental Protection (NYCDEP) offices listed below, and are also available online at the NYSDEC's website: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/lands/79771.html> and at the NYCDEP's website: [www.nyc.gov/dep/environmentalreviews](http://www.nyc.gov/dep/environmentalreviews).

It is also available for review locally at:

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The Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will evaluate the potential for significant adverse environmental impacts to occur from implementation of the turbidity control measures proposed to be incorporated into the Catalum SPDES Permit (Turbidity Control Measures), as well as from the postponement of dredging in the Kensico Reservoir. Implementation of the turbidity control measures analyzed in this EIS would allow NYCDEP to continue to provide reliable, clean, and safe drinking water while reducing reliance on chemical treatment of the water supply, specifically the use of alum, during episodic turbidity events.

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