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# NOTICE OF INTENT TO PREPARE A SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT, AVAILABILITY OF DRAFT SCOPE OF WORK, AND PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING

Project: Water for the Future: Upstate Water Supply Resiliency- New Paltz Temporary Transmission Water Main CEQR No. 15DEP006U

May 26, 2017

A Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) was prepared by the New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) for the proposed **Water for the Future: Upstate Water Supply Resiliency** (UWSR) project and issued on September 19, 2016. Public hearings were held on October 20, 24, 25, and 28, 2016 in Ellenville, New York; Yorktown Heights, New York; Newburgh, New York; and Loch Sheldrake, New York respectively, to collect public comments. The public comment period closed on November 14, 2016. Subsequent to the publication of the DEIS, DEP has identified an additional element of the UWSR Project. This new project element would involve the development of a new temporary transmission water main to supply the Village and Town of New Paltz (New Paltz). This temporary transmission water main would supply water to New Paltz during those periods when DEP would need to temporarily shut down the Catskill Aqueduct for extended periods, as described in the DEIS for the UWSR Project.

Acting as lead agency and in accordance with the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) (Section 8-0113, Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law) as set forth in 6NYCRR Part 617, and the City Environmental Quality Review (CEQR) process, as set forth in 62 RCNY Chapter 5 and Executive Order 91 of 1977 and its amendments, and the State Environmental Review Process (SERP), as required by the State Revolving Loan Fund Program, DEP has prepared a Draft Scope of Work for a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) to evaluate the proposed new element of the UWSR.

The purpose of this Draft Scope of Work for the SEIS is to describe the proposed new element of the UWSR Project, provide the environmental framework for the assessment of this, and identify potential significant adverse impacts, if any. The Draft Scope of Work for the SEIS is being circulated for public review. For a hard copy of this document, please contact the person listed at the end of this Notice. The Draft Scope of Work for the SEIS will also be available for review by the public at the repositories (see attachment) and on the DEP website (http://www.nyc.gov/dep/upstatewatersupplyresiliency).

A Public Scoping Meeting has been scheduled for June 29, 2017 at the location listed below with an informal information and listening session taking place one hour prior to the meeting time listed at the same location. The public scoping meeting will provide an opportunity for the public to provide oral and written comments on the Draft Scope of Work for the SEIS. Notification of the public scoping meeting will appear in a regional newspaper, as required.

> Thursday June 29, 2017 at 7:00 PM Town of New Paltz Community Center 3 Veterans Drive New Paltz, NY 12561

This meeting location is accessible to persons with a mobility impairment. American Sign Language interpreter services may also be made available upon written request to the DEP contact person named below, no less than 10 days prior to the hearing.

Written comments should be sent via mail or email to the contact person listed below. The public comment period will remain open until Tuesday July 11, 2017.

#### **Contact Person**

Sangamithra Iyer, P.E., Director Office of Water Supply Infrastructure and Watershed Assessment New York City Department of Environmental Protection Bureau of Environmental Planning and Analysis 59-17 Junction Boulevard, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor Flushing, New York 11373 Email: WFFComments@dep.nyc.gov

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Attached: Repository List Distribution List Draft Scope of Work for the SEIS

# Upstate Water Supply Resiliency, New Paltz Temporary Transmission Water Main SEIS Draft Scope of Work Repository List

### **Repository List**

Town of New Paltz Clerk's Office 52 Clearwater Road New Paltz, NY 12561

Village of New Paltz Clerk's Office 25 Plattekill Avenue New Paltz, 12561

New York City Department of Environmental Protection Attn: Daniel Michaud 71 Smith Street Kingston, New York 12401

New York City Department of Environmental Protection Attn: Sangamithra Iyer 59-17 Junction Boulevard, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor Flushing, New York 11373 Upstate Water Supply Resiliency, New Paltz Temporary Transmission Water Main SEIS Draft Scope of Work Distribution List

## **Involved and Interested Agencies and Parties**

U.S. Senate U.S. House of Representatives U.S. Army Corps of Engineers U.S. Environmental Protection Agency New York State Department of Health New York State Department of Health New York State Department of Environmental Conservation New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation New York State Assembly New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene Ulster County Ulster County Health Department Ulster County Legislature Town of New Paltz Village of New Paltz