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**Lead Agency Declaration and  
Notice of Intent to Conduct an Environmental Review**

**Project: Hunts Point Water Pollution Control Plant  
Barretto Point Site Remediation CEQR No. 06DEP035X**

The New York City Department of Environmental Protection (NYCDEP) believes it is the appropriate lead agency and wishes to conduct a coordinated review of the above referenced project. An Environmental Assessment Statement (EAS) has been prepared by NYCDEP, acting as lead agency, in accordance with the State Environmental Quality Review Act, as set forth in 6NYCRR Part 617, authorized by Article 8 of the New York State Environmental Conservation Law, the City Environmental Quality Review process, as set forth in Executive Order 91 of 1977 and its amendments, and the State Environmental Review Process, as required by the State Revolving Fund Program. Attached for your review is a copy of the project's EAS.

The Bureau of Environmental Planning and Assessment (BEPA), on behalf of NYCDEP, is reviewing the potential for significant impacts from planned remedial activities on a portion of Barretto Point that is part of the Hunts Point Water Pollution Control Plant (Hunts Point WPCP) site. The Barretto Point Site that is subject of this EAS is a portion of a brownfields site located on Viele Street between Barretto and Manida Streets adjacent to the Hunts Point Water Pollution Control Plant (WPCP) on the East River in the Hunts Point section of the Bronx.

The proposed action includes the remediation of Lots 100 and 105 of Block 2777 consisting of 2.75 acres. Remedial activities include the excavation of contaminated soils in a former paint and varnish manufacturing facility area (total area of 0.7 acres) to remove the presence of hazardous substances and placement of two feet of clean fill on a total 2.75 acres. These remedial actions are being undertaken pursuant to a New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) December 2003 Record of Decision (ROD) for the Barretto Point Brownfield Site. The ROD identifies the approved remedial actions for a total of thirteen acres (five acres comprising the planned Barretto Point Park and eight additional acres of land owned by NYCDEP). This EAS covers 2.75 acres which includes the 0.7-acre area. A previous Negative Declaration (CEQR No. 04DPR003X) covered the 5-acre Barretto Point Park portion of the area. The remaining 5.25 acres would be completed as part of the proposed Hunts Point WPCP Phase III Upgrade and will be assessed under the Environmental Impact Statement being prepared for the Phase III Upgrade.

Remedial activities under the proposed action are expected to last a total of twelve months with excavation occurring on the site for approximately six months. The remediation includes excavation of contaminated soils within a 0.7-acre area of the 2.75-acre area; disposal of excavated material to an appropriate off-site NYSDEC approved treatment/disposal facility; the installation of a temporary structure and carbon filters to control dust and emissions during excavation; extraction and treatment of groundwater encountered during excavation of VOC-contaminated soils; discharge of treated groundwater to the Hunts Point WPCP for final treatment; and backfilling the excavation with clean fill. Two feet of clean fill will be placed on the entire 2.75-acre area as part of the site remediation.

If you have any questions or comments please contact Julie Stein, Project Manager, at (718) 595-4397.

Sincerely,



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