

**NYCEDC Coney Island Infrastructure Phase 3B
Industrial SPDES and Surface Discharge Application
Public Participation Plan
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Appendix C – Questions/ Comments and Responses

On March 29, 2017, a Public Information Session was held by the New York City Economic Development Corporation through the General Board Meeting of Brooklyn Community Board 13 to provide information about the construction of the sanitary sewers, storm sewers and watermains and the associated New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) Stormwater Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (SPDES) permit which is required for dewatering activities that will occur during construction of the sewers and watermains. Summarized below are the questions and/ or comments raised at the Public Information Session that were addressed during the course of the Public Information Session. Questions/ comments and the corresponding responses may have been modified and/ or expanded upon in the summaries in order to provide the public with clear and comprehensive information about the Project. Also included below is a section summarizing the questions/ comments received via the Project email address and the responses subsequently emailed to the inquirer.

Questions/ Comments and Responses during the Public Information Session

Question 1: How will we know the results of testing done during construction?

Answer 1: NYCEDC will post results of any testing done during the dewatering/ discharging process to the NYCEDC Coney Island website (<https://www.nycedc.com/project/coney-island>). The Construction Community Liaison will also email test results to stakeholders and CB13.

Question 2: There is history of other developments discharging contaminated water to Coney Island Creek. How are you ensuring this won't happen with this project?

Answer 2: The project is required by the regulatory agencies (NYSDEC and NYCDEP) to meet the standards indicated in the permit. NYCEDC has hired a CM to ensure that, among other things, the parameters indicated in the permit are met. The project team cannot speak of what other developers/ owners are doing.

Question 3: Why are you only talking about DEC permits and not DEP permits?

Answer 3: For this type of infrastructure project, DEP refers to the DEC permit, which is the SPDES permit that NYCEDC is currently seeking. Once the DEC SPDES permit is received, the associated DEP permits can be finalized. DEC has jurisdiction over Coney Island Creek; DEP has jurisdiction over the outfall.

Question 4: Where can we find the presentation and the project documents referenced in the presentation on the NYCEDC website? I could not find the presentation on the website.

Answer 4: The presentation and project documents referenced in the presentation can be found at <https://www.nycedc.com/project/coney-island>. The presentation was uploaded on the day of the Public Information Session. NYCEDC has briefed Mr. Eddie Mark of CB13 on where the documents can be found on the website if you are having trouble finding them on the webpage.

Question 5: Are you hiring residents from the neighborhood for construction jobs?

Answer 5: For the administrative positions, we will share them in the weekly email to the community and they will also be available on the HAKS website at <http://haks.net/Jobsthatksmstr.php>. Many of the construction jobs are union, so for those people interested in those positions who are currently not part of a union, we provided a list of construction pre-apprenticeship programs, including NYCHA Resident Academy, Non-Traditional Employment for Women, Helmets to Hardhats, Construction Skills, and Building Works.

Question 6: What are your M/WBE goals for the local area?

Answer 6: Construction contracts will have a 25% M/WBE goal to meet. Construction contractors may subcontract their work to M/WBE firms certified by the New York City Department of Small Business Services. They are not required to hire from a specific locality to meet the M/WBE goals.

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Questions/ Comments and Responses via the Project Email Address

Question 1a: Would this include me, a business owner on Neptune Ave. Also, I was NOT able to open the attachments. So I do not know the date.

Answer 1a: Yes, this meeting is extended to all stakeholders, including area businesses and residents. You will receive a mailing of the letter and fact sheet as well. Please send me your mailing address to make sure that I have it on my list already. The meeting date is Wednesday, March 29th.

Question 1b: Can you tell me if this project will affect the operation of my business on Neptune Avenue between W. 15 and W. 16 Streets?

Answer 1b: On Neptune Avenue, the project limits do not extend as far east as your business. On Neptune Avenue, the project's eastern limit is W 17th Street. It's not expected that there would be direct impacts to your business.

Question 1c: Does that mean we will not get updated sewers?

Answer 1c: The underground infrastructure adjacent to your business is not included in this current phase of the project, but it is part of a separate scope of work led by the New York City Department of Design and Construction (DDC). The point person you can contact for additional information is Scott Payne, the DDC Community Construction Liaison. You can reach him at [\(718\) 676-7093](tel:7186767093) or conisph01ccl@gmail.com.

Question 2: I am a resident in Coney Island. I got the NYCEDC notice regarding the discharge of groundwater notice from the mail. How is this going to affect my home? Is this going to affect my water supplies? We're located on 2816 West 20th Street.

Answer 2: When we install the watermain, there will be a water shutdown. We will give at least a 72-hour advisory, and a 24-hour notice with the specific times that the water will be shutdown in that block. We will be working during the day only, so the water shutdown will be for several hours during the day for about a week.