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Dear Mr. Miller:

This is in response to your September 19, 2008 request, on behalf of the City of Rye, Westchester County, New York, for a categorical exclusion (CATEX) from substantive environmental review requirements, pursuant to 40 CFR Part 6, for the proposed Hewlett Avenue Pump Station Repairs project. The project is being partially funded through a federal Special Appropriation Act Grant.

The pump station and force main were originally constructed over 67 years ago. The pump station was last refurbished with new pumps in 1987. These pumps have outlived their service life and new, more efficient, pumps will be installed to reduce electrical energy consumption. Additionally, compatible with the new pumps, new piping, valves, instrumentation and controls will be installed. Miscellaneous concrete repairs will also be performed. All work will be performed in the existing pump station's footprint. The approximately 1,700-foot asbestos cement force main has also outlived its service life and requires replacement. A new 8-inch diameter ductile iron force main will be installed in the same roadbed. The existing force main will be abandoned in place, eliminating the potential for releasing asbestos to the environment. Surface treatments, including asphalt, will be replaced in-kind.

The CATEX eligibility requirements found in 40 CFR 6.204(a)(1)(ii) apply to this action. This category includes, "actions relating to existing infrastructure systems (such as sewer systems, drinking water supply systems, and stormwater systems, including combined sewer overflow systems) that involve minor upgrading, or minor expansion of system capacity, or rehabilitation (including functional replacement) of the existing system and system components (such as the sewer collection network and treatment system; the system to collect, treat, store and distribute drinking water; and stormwater systems, including combined sewer overflow systems) or construction of new minor ancillary facilities adjacent to or on the same property as existing facilities."

This project does not involve: a new or relocated discharge to surface or ground water; an increase in the volume or loading of pollutants to receiving water; or capacity to serve a population 30 percent greater than the existing population. Further, it is not contrary to any state or regional growth plan or strategy; and it is not primarily for the purpose of future development.

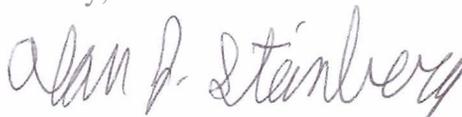
Review of the available information provided by the applicant on the proposed action indicates that none of the extraordinary circumstances listed in 40 CFR 6.204(b)(1) through (b)(10) are involved.

Based on our review, EPA approves the request for the CATEX. Please be reminded that EPA may revoke this CATEX if any of the following conditions occur:

- changes in the proposed action render it ineligible for exclusion;
- new evidence indicates that serious local or environmental issues exist; or
- federal, state, or local laws would be violated.

This CATEX is available for public viewing on EPA Region 2's [website](http://www.epa.gov/region02/spmm/r2nepa.htm#r2docs), at <http://www.epa.gov/region02/spmm/r2nepa.htm#r2docs>. Should you have any questions regarding this decision, please address them to John Filippelli, Chief, Strategic Planning and Multi-Media Programs Branch, at the above address.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alan J. Steinberg". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Alan J. Steinberg
Regional Administrator