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Alexander B. Grannis  
Commissioner

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Eddy Louie, P.E.  
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Dear Mr. Louie:

RE: Former East 14th St. Works Site  
Manhattan, New York County  
Site No. 231007

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The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (Department) along with the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) have reviewed the available soil data presented in the Site Characterization Report for the East River Station Ball Fields, Operable Unit 2 (OU-2) of the above referenced site. Based upon this review the Department, with the concurrence of the NYSDOH, has not identified contamination at levels requiring remedial action on the OU-2 area, provided the use of the site remains active recreational and provided that appropriate site management and institutional controls are implemented.

The concentrations of contaminants in surface soils on this site are within the range expected for soils in urban environments. While contamination related to the former manufactured gas plant is present at a significant depth, public exposure to this contamination is not likely for anyone using the site as a recreational ballfield. Proper implementation of a site management plan will minimize the possibility of future exposure by utility workers or others excavating at the site.

The current surface soils with the maintained grass ballfields and associated paving, buildings, etc constitute an acceptable cover for the site. Maintaining the vegetative cover consistent with active recreational ballfield (ie. the diamond portion of a baseball field can remain soil, if maintained properly) is satisfactory. The site management plan will require that the existing ground surface be preserved. The plan for this cover, as well as the future maintenance should be described and implemented in the form of a site management plan. Additionally, institutional controls for soils and groundwater should be determined.

Please submit a site management plan along with a plan for institutional controls for soils and groundwater. Periodic inspection and certification will follow as appropriate. If you have further questions, please feel free to contact me at (518)402-9564 or e-mail me at eblukows@gw.dec.state.ny.us.

Sincerely,



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