

April 22, 2025

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Division of Environmental Remediation
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Re: Progress Report for First Quarter 2025
Sunnyside Yard, Queens, New York (NYSDEC Site No. 241006)

Dear Mr. Allen:

On behalf of the National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak) and New Jersey Transit Corporation (NJ Transit), Roux Environmental Engineering and Geology, D.P.C. (Roux) has prepared this summary of investigative and remedial efforts performed at Amtrak's Sunnyside Yard (Yard), Queens, New York (NYSDEC Site No. 241006) during the first quarter of 2025. As you are aware, for technical and/or administrative reasons, the Yard was separated into six Operable Units (OUs), two of which (OU-1 and OU-2) have been completed and are not discussed further in this progress report. An Order on Consent (OOC) agreement for the Yard between New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC), Amtrak, and NJ Transit was signed and went into effect on May 20, 2010. The remainder of this document summarizes work performed during the first quarter of 2025 under the OOC for each remaining OU and work anticipated for the second quarter of 2025.

Operable Unit 3 (OU-3)

Work completed in the first quarter of 2025 included:

1. Roux continued to provide field oversight and implementation of a Community Air Monitoring Program (CAMP) in accordance with the NYSDEC-approved Excavation Work Plan (EWP) dated January 10, 2022, during all ground disturbance and soil handling/loading activities for the Acela/Ready Tracks Construction Project. During this reporting period, Railroad Construction Corp (RCC) excavated soil from grid cells WC-16, WC-17, WC-18, WC-19, WC-20, WC-21, and WC-22 to dig electrical conduit trenches, dig trenches for the drainage system, dig trenches for the water main installation, and excavate for construction of the hump track.
2. RCC continued installation of drainage structures, the water main, and electrical conduits in grid cells WC-14, WC-15, WC-16, WC-17, WC-18, WC-19, WC-20, WC-21, and WC-22.
3. RCC reused previously excavated soil as backfill in its respective grid cell in grid cells WC-16, WC-17, WC-18, WC-19, WC-20, WC-21, and WC-22.
4. RCC with ACV/Republic Services oversight, completed loading and disposal of 20 trucks of non-hazardous, non-regulated soil (excavated from grid cells WC-23 through WC-26) from the Site to its designated disposal facility, Conestoga Landfill in Morgantown, Pennsylvania.
5. RCC with Roux oversight, imported approximately 1,200 tons of dense graded aggregate (DGA), approximately 450 tons of ¾" stone, and approximately 100 tons of manufactured sand from Mt. Hope Quarry in Wharton, New Jersey, to the Site for use as backfill within the hump track and water main installation excavations.
6. Roux submitted daily reports including CAMP results, to the NYSDEC and New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) documenting all field activities completed for the Acela/Ready Tracks Construction Project. No CAMP exceedances were recorded during this reporting period.

Work anticipated for the second quarter of 2025 includes:

1. Continued oversight and CAMP implementation for the Acela/Ready Tracks Construction Project. Roux will continue to provide the NYSDEC and NYSDOH with daily reports documenting field activities including waste disposal activities and CAMP results.
2. Continued implementation of the proposed long-term groundwater monitoring plan. This will include gauging the OU-3 monitoring wells at a frequency of once per quarter until NYSDEC approval of the Site Management Plan.
3. Roux will provide NYSDEC with a Spill Investigation Work Plan (SIWP) dated April 9, 2025, to delineate the spill areas encountered within OU-3 (NYSDEC Spill #2209440 and Spill #2406650) and provide data in support of the eventual closure of the open spills. Following NYSDEC approval, Roux will implement the SIWP.

Operable Unit 4 (OU-4)

Work completed in the first quarter of 2025 included:

1. None.

Work anticipated for the second quarter of 2025 includes:

1. None.

Operable Unit 5 (OU-5)

Work completed in the first quarter of 2025 included:

1. Roux provided NYSDEC with a construction completion report (CCR) and PE-certified as-built drawings on February 14, 2025, for the cleaning of MH-40 (OU-5) and the installation of a NYSDEC-approved new, permanent weir within MH-40.

Work anticipated for the second quarter of 2025 includes:

1. None.

Operable Unit 6 (OU-6)

Work completed in the first quarter of 2025 included:

1. None.

Work anticipated for the second quarter of 2025 includes:


1. None.

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If you have any questions concerning this summary or require additional information, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

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