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Region 3

Positive Declaration and Public Scoping

Orange, Putnam, Ulster and Westchester Counties - The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC), as lead agency, has determined that the proposed modification to the NYSDEC State Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (SPDES) Permit for the Catskill Influent Chamber (Catalum SPDES Permit No. 026 4652), to incorporate measures to control turbidity in water diverted from Ashokan Reservoir and to postpone dredging of alum floc at Kensico Reservoir until completion of certain infrastructure projects, may have a significant adverse impact on the environment and a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) must be prepared. In addition, NYSDEC will conduct a formal scoping process to receive public comments on the scope of the DEIS. A Draft Scoping Document has been prepared by the project sponsor and is currently being circulated for public comment. It is available at NYS DEC's website at: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/lands/79771.html> and the New York City Department of Environmental Protection (NYCDEP) website: www.nyc.gov/dep/environmentalreviews and at the following locations:

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The Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will evaluate the potential for significant adverse environmental impacts to occur from implementation of the turbidity control measures proposed to be incorporated into the Catalum SPDES Permit (Turbidity Control Measures), as well as from the postponement of dredging in the Kensico Reservoir. Implementation of the turbidity control measures analyzed in this EIS would allow NYCDEP to continue to provide reliable, clean, and safe drinking water while reducing reliance on chemical treatment of the water supply, specifically the use of alum, during episodic turbidity events. Written comments on the draft scope will be accepted until the close of business on July 8, 2014. Comments can be delivered by hand, or sent by regular mail, commercial delivery service, fax transmittal or email, to the NYSDEC contact person listed at the end of this notice. Public scoping sessions will be held at 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. on May 12, 2014 at the Ulster County Community College Student Lounge, 491 Cottekill Road, Stone Ridge, New York, and May 14, 2014 at the Mt. Pleasant Town Hall, 1 Town Hall Plaza, Valhalla, New York. **Contact:** Stephen Tomasik, NYSDEC - Division of Environmental Permits, 625 Broadway, 4th Floor, Albany, NY 12233-1750, Phone: (518) 486-9955.

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