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Commissioner

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Mr. Peter Sanderson, Project Director  
The New NY Bridge  
NYS Thruway Authority  
303 South Broadway, Suite 413  
Tarrytown, NY 10591

Re: The New NY Bridge  
DEC Permit No. 3-9903-00043/00012  
**PERMIT MODIFICATION: CONDITION 27**  
**DECANT WATER HOLDING TIME**

Dear Mr. Sanderson:

The Department has reviewed your September 16, 2013 letter to me requesting modification of the subject permit. Your letter transmitted a proposal from Tappan Zee Constructors, LLC (TZC) to modify permit condition 27.

As written paragraph A of condition 27 allows the overlying water in a holding barge to be pumped to the water column after 24 hours of settling, only. The modification requests permission to allow a five-day trial period during which samples would be taken from discharges after a 12-hour holding period. The results of these samples would be used to support a permit modification allowing a permanent change to a 12-hour holding period.

The Department hereby amends permit condition 27 as follows:

The following pilot sampling program is approved: After 12 hours of settling, water samples will be collected at mid-depth of the settling barge. This process must be completed five times from five separate holding barges. The sample water must be analyzed for TSS with the results reported to the Department. The Department will issue a decision in writing as soon as possible, which decision will be incorporated as part of the permit with no further procedural requirements. Pending a Department decision, the overlying water in the barge must be held for 24 hours before being pumped to the water column.

All other terms, conditions and requirements of the permit remain as written. If you

have any questions please feel free to contact me.

Respectfully,



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Chief Permit Administrator

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