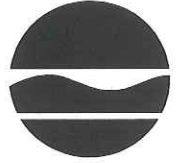


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Re: The New NY Bridge / DEC Permit 3-9903-00043/00012  
**Permit Modification / Condition 27.A / Decant Water Holding Time**

Dear Mr. Sanderson:

This responds to your October 11, 2013 letter requesting modification of the subject permit to allow the discharge of decanted water following twelve hours of settling. Your letter provided the results of a pilot sampling program that was approved in a Department September 25, 2013 letter.

These results indicate that the permit's water quality requirements can be met after a 12-hour settling time. Accordingly, the Department hereby modifies permit condition 27. A to read as follows:

- A. For the remaining dredging that is conducted in calendar year 2013, only, the overlying water in the barge may be pumped to the water column after 12 hours of settling. After assessing the water quality analytical results for this dredging the Department will determine if this modification will be made permanent and render a decision on same before March 1, 2014.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

Respectfully,

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