

Text of letter dated Jan 31, 2020 from:  
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Hello.

As I suspect most of you know, the twice extended public comment period on the Draft Remedial Investigation Work Plan (DRIWP) for the 250 Water Street NYS Brownfields Cleanup Program (BCP) site ended on January 16, 2020. Numerous comments were received from many sources including the following:

- Blue School (Ramboll)
- The Durst Organization (LiRo Engineers)
- Michael Kramer on behalf of - Save Our Seaport
- Manhattan CB1 December 19, 2019 resolution with comments along with a transcribed summary of the September 16, 2019 Environmental Protection Committee Meeting
- Jill Zilker/South Bridge Towers – containing 261 individual signature pages of the Seaport Coalition’s form comment letter.
- South Bridge Towers Board of Directors
- NYC Comptroller Scott Stringer, NYS Senator Kavanagh, NYS Assemblymember Niou and Congressman Nadler joint letter
- Manhattan Borough President Gale Brewer and Council Member Margaret Chin joint letter
- Brooklyn Bridge South Neighborhood Association
- Children First NYC signed by their steering committee plus another 100 signed letters from community members
- Excel Environmental Resources on behalf of the Seaport Coalition (11 pages – preliminary)
- Excel Environmental Resources on behalf of the Seaport Coalition (backup material)
- Approximately 92 Individual emails and letters with comments

The NYSDEC and the NYS Department of Health are reviewing these comments and have had follow-up conversations with the Seaport Coalition’s Independent Community Monitor Lawra Dodge of Excel Environmental Resources, with Ramboll Engineers representing the Blue School and with Langan Engineers, the applicant HHC’s consultant to discuss the comments and obtain clarification. Further conversations are anticipated as the review process continues. The NYSDEC has already requested preliminary revisions to the work plan based on the comments received. As the review of comments process continues, further requests from the NYSDEC and NYSDOH to Langan to revise the work plan are expected. Langan Engineers is being very cooperative in this process.

Based on discussions with Langan and HHC, no field work, including the non-intrusive tasks [Baseline Community Air Monitoring & Geophysics], will be performed until the complete work plan is in final form. How long the comment review and work plan revision process will take is unclear at this time, but it will be a thorough process and done in consultation with the communities' consultants and other parties involved.

The community will certainly be kept informed and notified when this process is over and before any field work commences.

Feel free to contact us if you have any questions on the above.

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