

**NYC DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
BUREAU OF ENGINEERING DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION  
CROTON FACILITY MONITORING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

**Executive Session**

THURSDAY, APRIL 27, 2009 – 5:00PM

The Croton Facility Monitoring Committee met in Executive Session on Monday, April 27, 2009 at the DEP Community Office, 3660 Jerome Avenue, Bronx, NY 10467. Five CFMC representatives attended.

Discussion

Angela Licata, Deputy Commissioner, NYCDEP, described the background of and reasons for a minor modification to an EIS or SEIS. She explained that developing a minor modification for the Croton Filter Project's Jerome Park Reservoir Shaft and Meter Chamber construction goes well beyond legal or environmental requirements and was conducted for transparency on the potential impacts of the project and their mitigation.

In particular, Ms. Licata described noise and traffic, and she referred to other analyses that are contained in the minor modification.

There was a discussion about the advantages and disadvantages of blasting as a means of removing rock to construct the shaft and meter chamber. There was a discussion about the disadvantages of hoe ramming, the difficulties currently being encountered by using hoe rams, and the noise from hoe ramming being heard at the Bronx High School of Science.

Further discussion led by Council Member Koppell was the focus of the rest of the meeting. He said that, if blasting were selected as the method of construction, it should only take place during off-school hours. Participating in the discussion were Ms. Licata, Father Richard Gorman, Chair of Community Board #12, Saul Scheinbach, Community Board #8, Mark Lanaghan, NYCDEP, Laura Stockstill, Bronx Borough President's Office, Bernard Daly, NYCDEP Project Manager, and other NYCDEP staff.

Mr. Koppell said he would contact the Bronx High School of Science on April 28. Mr. Daly said he would consult with the contractor regarding after hours blasting on April 28.

The meeting adjourned at 7:05. There will be additional coordination among the CFMC principals before Thursday night's CFMC meeting.