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Dear Dr. Young and Mr. Sweeney:

In accordance with EPA's July 2007 Filtration Avoidance Determination (FAD), section 5.1 requires DEP participation in educational seminars. This requirement has been met by the recent 2012 Watershed Science & Technical Conference that was held at West Point on September 13 – 14, 2012. DEP was one of the nine agencies that sponsored the Watershed Science and Technology Conference. DEP was also responsible for 21 of the 38 papers presented at the conference and a number of DEP staff attended. The conference has become well known for its important focus on the NYC watershed.

The 2007 FAD also requires in section 9. Administration, that a FAD budget presentation be given annually to NYSDOH and USEPA by DEP and staff from the NYC Office of Management and Budget. This presentation was held on September 26, 2012 in DEP's office in Valhalla NY.

As always, if you have any questions about the City's watershed protection efforts, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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