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Dear Mr. Palmer and Ms. Lynch,

With this letter, I am submitting the following deliverables, due October 31, 2018, pursuant to the NYSDOH 2017 Filtration Avoidance Determination (FAD).

<i>Program</i>	<i>Deliverable</i>
<i>4.1 Waterfowl Management Program</i>	Annual report
<i>4.2 Land Acquisition Program</i>	Two-year solicitation plan
<i>6.1 Regulatory Programs Watershed Rules and Regulations and Other Enforcement/Project Review</i>	Semi-annual report on project review activities.
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<i>6.1 Regulatory Programs Watershed Rules and Regulations and Other Enforcement/Project Review</i>	Semi-annual report on the progress of the proposed changes to the Watershed Regulations until adopted

FAD Section 3.3, Community Wastewater Management Program, requires the design phase for the Claryville Community Wastewater Management Project to be completed one year from the date the town approved entering into the design phase (estimated October 31, 2018). DEP approved the block grant for the Claryville project in the amount of \$8.655 million on April 28, 2017. The project involves separate Septic Maintenance Districts in the Towns of Denning (Ulster County) and Neversink (Sullivan County). The Town of Denning approved a resolution to enter into the design phase on July 11, 2017 and the Town of Neversink approved a resolution to enter into the design phase on August 22, 2017. Work is ongoing and the Catskill Watershed Corporation's (CWC's) consulting engineer for the project anticipates completing this phase in early 2019.

In May 2018, NYSDOH requested monthly updates on section FAD 3.3, the New Kingston Community Wastewater Management Program project, until the Study Phase is concluded. The City was required to approve the block grant for the New Kingston Community Wastewater Management Project six months from the date of the completed Study Phase (estimated March 31, 2018). The Study Phase continued through June and on July 2, 2018 DEP received, from CWC, a revised set of cost estimates and project options. After careful deliberation of all options and their viability, DEP has selected a recommended project option and met with CWC on October 18, 2018 to discuss this recommendation. DEP also discussed this proposed recommendation with the Watershed Agricultural Council (WAC) on October 23, 2018. DEP anticipates approving a block grant for this project in November.

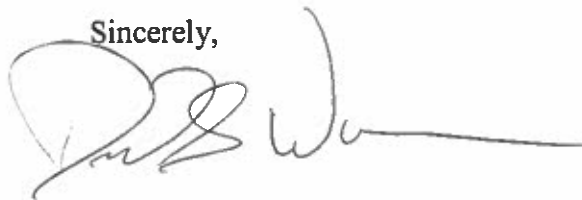
FAD Section 4.6, Stream Management Program, requires the City to convene a field-based progress meeting with NYSDOH, USEPA and NYSDEC. The meeting was held on October 30, 2018 and featured a tour of the Rondout-Neversink Stream Program project sites.

FAD Section 4.11, Catskill Turbidity Control, requires the City to convene an annual progress meeting with NYSDOH, USEPA, NYSDEC and the WIG to discuss the status of Catskill Turbidity Control measures. The meeting was held on October 3, 2018 in the Kingston Office. The National Academies Expert Panel Report on the City's use of the Operations Support Tool for water supply operations was publically released on September 25, 2018. This release date was too close to the previously scheduled Annual Catskill Turbidity Control meeting to allow for adequate review of the report in advance. DEP will schedule a separate meeting with NYSDOH, USEPA, NYSDEC and the WIG to discuss the recommendations in the final report.

FAD Section 5.2, Multi-Tiered Water Quality Modeling Program, requires DEP to hold an annual progress meeting with regulators to present and discuss modeling results. The meeting was held October 10, 2018 in the Kingston Office.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David S. Warne', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

David S. Warne
Assistant Commissioner

c: S. Van Patten, DEC