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FINAL NOTICE AND PUBLIC EXPLANATION OF A PROPOSED ACTIVITY IN A 100-YEAR FLOODPLAIN

ROTTERDAM WATER DISTRICT #5 WELLHEAD AREA EXPANSION, TOWN OF ROTTERDAM, SCHENECTADY COUNTY, NEW YORK

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To: All interested Agencies, Groups, and Individuals

This is to give notice that the Governor's Office of Storm Recovery (GOSR) has conducted an evaluation as required by Executive Order 11988 in accordance with U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Renewal (HUD) regulations under 24 CFR 55.20 Subpart C - Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management and Protection of Wetlands, to determine the potential effects that its activity in the floodplain would have on the human environment.

Pursuant to the Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Program and Federal Register Notices 78 Fed. Reg. 14329, 78 Fed. Reg. 69104, and 79 Fed. Reg. 62194 (Notices), published March 5, 2013, November 18, 2013, and October 16, 2014, respectively, the State of New York has been allocated approximately \$4.4 billion of CDBG-DR funds for storm recovery activities, including but not limited to the acquisition, demolition, reconstruction, improvement, financing and use of existing properties in storm-impacted communities and counties.

A portion of this funding is proposed be used for the Flood Protection of the Rotterdam Water District #5 Wellhead Facility to drill a new well and elevate the well above the 100- and 500-year floodplain at Rotterdam District #5 facility located at 49 Rice Road, Rotterdam, Schenectady County, New York. The new well would be protected by a well house similar in design to that of the existing well house and on-site building. Construction activities would include site preparation, well drilling and testing, site grading, drain installation, and site restoration post-construction. Based on the available site plan, it is estimated that the footprint of disturbance would measure approximately 172 by 185 feet and cover 0.7 acre. This area would be elevated approximately 6.5 feet above sea level to an elevation of 238.5 feet, or 0.5 feet above the 500-year floodplain. The proposed Project is designed to be a self-sufficient drinking water supply facility for the town in the event that the other wells become inoperative for any reason with an existing back-up generator for power. The well would serve as a back-up and add

reliability to the water supply system. The proposed Project would benefit residents of the Town of Rotterdam.

The proposed Project is on a 9.38-acre parcel that is owned by Rotterdam Water District #5. It is currently undeveloped and wooded. The proposed Project site is surrounded on three sides by wooded areas, and is adjacent to the existing wellhead facility to the northwest. The Mohawk River is approximately 392 feet from the proposed new well.

Approximately 7.0 acres of the proposed Project parcel is within Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) Zone AE (areas of 100-year flood where base flood elevation have been determined), including the Project site, as indicated on the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) Community Panel Number 36093C0153D, dated January 8, 2014. Areas designated as a SFHA are those subject to inundation by the 1 percent annual chance flood (e.g., a 100-year flood), also known as the base flood.

There are three primary purposes for this notice. First, citizens who may be affected by activities in floodplains and those who have an interest in the protection of the natural environment should be given an opportunity to express their concerns and provide information about these areas. Second, an adequate public notice program can be an important public educational tool. The dissemination of information about floodplains can facilitate and enhance Federal efforts to reduce the risks associated with the occupancy and modification of these special areas. Third, as a matter of fairness, when the Federal government determines it will participate in actions taking place in floodplains, it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk.

FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT PLAN

GOSR has reevaluated the alternatives to project activities in the floodplain and has determined that there is no practicable alternative. A copy of the 8-step floodplain analysis summary documenting compliance with Executive Order 11988 can be viewed online at <http://www.stormrecovery.ny.gov/environmental-docs>.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

An early notice of activity in a 100-year floodplain was published on December 10, 2015. The comment period was held open until December 31, 2015 in order to address a typo in the notice that closed the comment period on December 24, 2015. Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the proposed action or a request for further information to: Thomas King, Assistant General Counsel and Certifying Environmental Officer.

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All comments received by **January 22, 2016** will be considered.

Thomas King, Assistant General Counsel and Certifying Officer

January 29, 2016

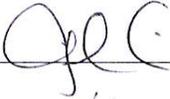
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