



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
REGION 2  
290 BROADWAY  
NEW YORK, NY 10007-1866

Re: Gowanus Canal Superfund Site – Plugging of Canal Unpermitted Outfalls

Dear Gowanus Area Property Owner:

As you may be aware, the construction work for the clean-up of the upper portion of the Gowanus Canal has begun. One element of the work is installation of new bulkheads, as structural supports for the dredging, at certain Canal-side properties. During that installation and as required by the United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") September 2013 Record of Decision (ROD) and the EPA-approved Remedial Design, unpermitted outfalls/pipes of unknown origin or purpose, which extend through existing bulkheads, need to be plugged. This work is necessary to eliminate unpermitted/untreated discharges to the Canal and recontamination of the canal following the cleanup.

Enclosed with this letter are two maps showing the approximate locations of the outfalls in the upper canal that we have determined that need to be plugged, in accordance with the ROD. To date, no source, or permits associated with those outfalls have been identified. In some cases, outfalls have been found to serve properties that are not contiguous with the Canal. Therefore, EPA is providing notice to the nearby property owners to alert them of the upcoming plugging of these outfalls.

If you believe that your property is connected to any of these outfalls, please contact me as soon as possible. My contact information is:

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Thank you for your cooperation in the Canal clean-up.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "BEC", is positioned above the typed name.

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Enclosures