



# GOWANUS CANAL COMMUNITY ADVISORY GROUP (CAG)

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**The following letter from the CAG requests formal consideration by the indicated parties to conduct activities related to the Gowanus Canal and surrounding neighborhoods in regard to the health and safety of the entire Gowanus community.**

**Title: Indoor Air Monitoring for the surrounding Gowanus Canal Neighborhoods**

**To: Heidi-Marie Dudek, Section Chief, NYSDEC Division of Environmental Remediation**

**Date: July 28, 2023**

**Dear Ms. Dudek,**

**In light of recent DEC investigations that identified additional migration of contaminants from the Citizens MGP site\* and indoor air contamination in existing buildings near other Gowanus Brownfield sites\*\*, the Gowanus Canal CAG is requesting that DEC offer indoor air monitoring utilizing SUMMA Canisters or other appropriate technology to all existing buildings and property owners within a block of the 49 sites in the DEC Brownfield and State Superfund programs in the Gowanus Canal Area, from 4th Avenue to Court St, and Baltic to 23rd St. In order to ensure that all property owners and tenants with concerns are able to access and interpret this support, we recommend that DEC work closely with local elected officials to effectively communicate this opportunity.**

**\* December 22, 2022, letter from DEC to National Grid**

**\*\* April 2023 DEC Community Update**

**cc: NYS Governor Kathy Hochul**

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