



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

Via Electronic Mail

July 24, 2024

Re: Gowanus Canal Superfund Site

Dear Gowanus Area Property Owner:

As you may know, construction work for cleaning up the middle portion of the Gowanus Canal has started. Part of this involves installing new bulkhead structural supports at certain Canal-side properties to facilitate subsequent dredging. During this installation, and as required by the United States Environmental Protection Agency's ("EPA") September 2013 Record of Decision (ROD) and the EPA-approved Remedial Design, unpermitted outfalls/pipes of unknown origin or purpose that extend through existing bulkheads need to be plugged. This is necessary to prevent unpermitted/untreated discharges into the Canal and to avoid recontamination after the cleanup.

Enclosed is a map showing the approximate location of an outfall near the bulkhead at 160 3rd Street, which needs to be plugged per the ROD. No source or permits for this outfall have been identified. In some cases, outfalls serve properties not directly adjacent to the Canal. Therefore, the EPA is notifying nearby property owners about the upcoming plugging of this outfall.

If you believe that your property is connected to this outfall, please contact me as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

/s

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