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**LEAD AGENCY DECLARATION AND NOTICE OF INTENT
TO CONDUCT AN ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW
FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF GILBOA DAM**

CEQR No. 07DEP003U

July 11, 2008

The Gilboa Dam (Dam) is part of New York City's Catskill Water Supply System, and is located within Schoharie County at the northern point of the Schoharie Reservoir in the Town of Gilboa. Constructed in 1919-1927 and placed into operation in 1927, the Dam has been in service for approximately 80 years. This gravity and embankment dam impounds the Schoharie Reservoir, the northern-most reservoir in the Catskill System. With its age-related spillway surface deterioration, the NYCDEP has proposed to reconstruct the spillway and face of the Dam, install crest gates to manage the flows through the notch in the Dam, construct a new low-level outlet as well as, conduct general improvements to appurtenances in and around the Dam to extend its service life and to comply with New York State Department of Conservation dam safety guidelines. Further specifics of the proposed project can be found in the enclosed Environmental Assessment Form (EAF).

The proposed project would require approvals from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, the New York State Department of Health, and the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation. The NYCDEP has coordinated closely with officials from these agencies as well as officials from Schoharie County and the Town of Gilboa regarding the project.

In accordance with the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA), as set forth in 6NYCRR Part 617 authorized by Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law, and the City Environmental Quality Review (CEQR) process, as set forth in Executive Order 91 of 1977 and its amendments, NYCDEP believes that it is the appropriate lead agency and assumes responsibility for conducting a coordinated review for the above referenced action. The Environmental Assessment Form and attachments are enclosed for your review. The EAF will also be available for review at the repositories listed in the attachment to this Notice and will be posted on the DEP website at <http://www.nyc.gov/dep>.

A public hearing to present the findings of the Environmental Assessment will be held on:

Tuesday, July 29, 2008
7:00 PM – 9:00 PM
Gilboa Town Hall
Court Room, Route 990V
Gilboa, New York 12076

We request that involved agencies contact this office within 30 days from this notification should there be any objection to the NYCDEP assuming lead agency for this environmental review.



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Comments and/or questions can be sent to Ruby Wells by August 22, 2008 at the Office of Water Supply Infrastructure and Watershed Assessment, Bureau of Environmental Planning and Analysis, New York City Department of Environmental Protection, 11th Floor, 59-17 Junction Boulevard, Flushing, New York 11373.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Angela Licata".

Angela Licata
Deputy Commissioner

W/attachments (EAF):

cc:

Elected Officials

Charles Schumer, Senator
Hilary Clinton, Senator
Peter Lopez, NYS Assembly
James Seward, NYS Senator
Earl Van Wormer III, Chairman, Schoharie Board of Supervisors
Anthony Van Glad, Supervisor, Town Of Gilboa
Maxwell B. Stryker, Councilperson, Town of Gilboa
David E. Hartwell, Councilperson, Town of Gilboa
Dorothy Pickett, Councilperson, Town of Gilboa
Norwood Tompkins, Councilperson, Town of Gilboa
Mary Wyckoff, Town Clerk, Town of Gilboa
Lester Parker, Superintendent of Highways, Town of Gilboa
Walter Wyckoff, Chairman Gilboa Planning Board, Town of Gilboa
Annemarie Spadafora, Superintendent, Gilboa-Conesville School District

County

Diane Galusha, Catskill Watershed Corporation
M. Indica Jaycox, Schoharie County Clerk
Judith L. Warner, Schoharie County Director of Emergency Management Office
Karen Miller, Schoharie County Board of Supervisors Clerk

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Ruth Pierpont, SHPO
Marie Sarchiapone, SHPO
Timothy Burns, New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation
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Hector Diaz, New York City Clerk
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