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Mr. Michael P. Anderson, P.E., Project Director  
Tappan Zee Bridge / I-287 Environmental Review  
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Re: Tappan Zee Bridge / I-287 Corridor  
NYCDEP Comments on Scoping Update Packet

Dear Mr. Anderson:

The New York City Department of Environmental Protection (NYCDEP) appreciated the opportunity to review the February 2008 Scoping Update packet for the Tappan Zee Bridge / I-287 Corridor project.

NYCDEP's comments are as follows:

- 1) The part of the Tappan Zee corridor in Rockland County, which runs between Suffern and Tarrytown, does not cross any of New York City's watersheds or water conveyance structures, such as the Catskill and Delaware Aqueducts. These structures are located further north outside the project area for the proposed project.
- 2) However, the portion of I-287 in Westchester County does cross all three of New York City's major water conveyance structures in the area, the Delaware, Catskill, and New Croton Aqueducts.
- 3) Alternatives along I-287 that include new construction could pose a concern to New York City's water conveyance system.
- 4) Please contact Mr. Mark Donecker, Acting Chief of Eastern Operations, at (914) 232-8556 to obtain further information regarding the location and depth of the three aqueducts.
- 5) Please include an evaluation in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) on the potential to impact New York City's water conveyance structures that pass through the project area.
- 6) Please also note that two other similar structures not owned by the City of New York cross the Westchester Corridor: (1) the Old Croton Aqueduct, which is decommissioned and is no longer used to convey water, and (2) the Kensico-Bronx Pipeline that supplies water to various communities in Westchester. You may wish to contact Westchester County regarding this pipeline since they are the present owner of this structure.

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Thank you again for the opportunity to comment on this important project. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Mark Donecker at (914) 232-8556 or the undersigned at (718) 595-4395.

Sincerely,



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