

November 23, 2015

**Ms. Marnee Elias-Pavia**

District Manager  
Community Board 11  
2214 Bath Avenue  
Brooklyn, New York, 11214

RE: Construction of the Southwest Brooklyn Marine Transfer Station - Project ID: S216-399A  
Removal of impacted soil

Dear Ms. Elias-Pavia:

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) permit for the construction of the Southwest Brooklyn Marine Transfer Station requires the excavation and removal of site soil. After conducting NYSDEC- approved comprehensive soil testing of the project site, a limited area was found to contain slightly elevated levels of lead - a not uncommon condition on an industrial site in New York City.

The leaded soil will be excavated and removed from the site by trained workers on two Sundays, December 6 and December 13, between 7:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. pursuant to excavation and removal procedures approved by NYSDEC. Sundays were chosen so that this work would have the least impact on neighboring properties. The soil to be removed, about 20 truckloads, represents only 3% of the soil removed from the site to date (about 530 truckloads).

All required onsite safety measures will be observed, including continuous air monitoring during the work. Also, a barrier will be attached to the site fence nearest to the area of excavation as an additional protection. The independent environmental monitor, who reports directly to NYSDEC, will also be on site throughout the soil removal, along with a Certified Industrial Hygienist for worker safety who will ensure compliance with proper safety procedures.

For additional information on soil testing for the site, please visit:

<http://www1.nyc.gov/assets/dsny/about/laws/solid-waste-management-plan.shtml>

Any additional questions or comments, please contact our community liaison, Patrick Jordan at 917-439-4630 or SWBrooklynMTS@zetlin.com.

Sincerely,

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Project Manager  
Public Buildings / Sanitation Unit

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