

# PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN

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**Applicant:**  
Con Edison

**Facility:**  
Con Ed-59th Street Station

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### List of Acronyms

<b>Acronym</b>	<b>Definition</b>
CP-29	Commissioner Policy 29, Environmental Justice and Permitting
NOCA	Notice of Complete Application
NYSDEC	New York State Department of Environmental Conservation
PEJA	Potential Environmental Justice Area
PPP	Public Participation Plan

# I. INTRODUCTION AND OBJECTIVE

This Public Participation Plan (PPP) has been prepared by Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc. (hereinafter referred to as “Con Edison” or “applicant”) to fulfill and comply with the requirements of New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (“NYSDEC”) **Commissioner Policy 29, Environmental Justice and Permitting** for the renewal with a modification of its Air Facility Title V Permit. Con Edison’s modification provides for the use of lower-emitting backup fuels and the operation of new emissions control equipment. Con Edison is not requesting any other change in permit conditions or any change in the scope of permitted activities. The NYSDEC has determined that the application potentially impacts one or more potential environmental justice areas (PEJA). (See Figure 1.)

This PPP has been developed in accordance with the procedures established in CP-29 Section V and it aims to help ensure meaningful and effective public participation throughout the NYSDEC environmental permit review process. Public participation in the NYSDEC environmental permit review process involves a program of activities that provides opportunities for stakeholders to be informed about and involved during the review of a proposed action.

The objective of this PPP is to outline and describe the program of activities that the applicant will implement to actively seek and enhance public participation during the application review process.

Figure 1. Project Location and Potential Environmental Justice Area(s) in blue shade



## **II. PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND PROPOSED ACTION**

### **Project Overview**

Con Edison supplies steam to 1,600 customers in Manhattan for heating, cooling, hot water, and sterilization. The 59<sup>th</sup> Street Station's boilers produce steam for a mix of residential and commercial customers that includes NYCHA buildings, colleges, and hospitals. The station also contains a gas turbine, which generates electricity.

Con Edison's 59<sup>th</sup> Street Station currently has a Title V Permit governing air emissions associated with the operation of two very large boilers (114 and 115); three large boilers (116, 117, and 118); and one simple cycle combustion turbine. The boilers predominantly fire natural gas (over 95%), but fire residual oil (No.4) as a backup fuel. The combustion turbine (also referred to as a gas turbine) predominantly fires natural gas but uses distillate oil as a backup fuel. Con Edison is applying for a renewal of the Title V permit, which includes a modification request for environmentally friendly updates to the boilers' and the turbine's backup fuel oil and improvements to the gas turbine's emissions controls, as described below. (See Figure 2.)

In October 2018, Con Edison initially applied for renewal of its Title V Permit for the 59<sup>th</sup> Street Station, which is currently undergoing review by NYSDEC. In January 2020, Con Edison updated the renewal application to request that the backup fuel oil for the boilers transition from No. 4 oil to No. 2 oil. This fuel oil switch is to comply with New York City's Local Law 43. The distillate fuel (No. 2) oil that will be used is a less polluting fuel oil with lower emissions than the residual fuel (No. 4) oil currently being used as backup fuel. In addition to distillate fuel, Con Edison proposes to enable biofuel and renewable liquid fuel firing capability in the five boilers. Biofuel and renewable liquid fuel-firing capability is proposed to be added to the turbine.

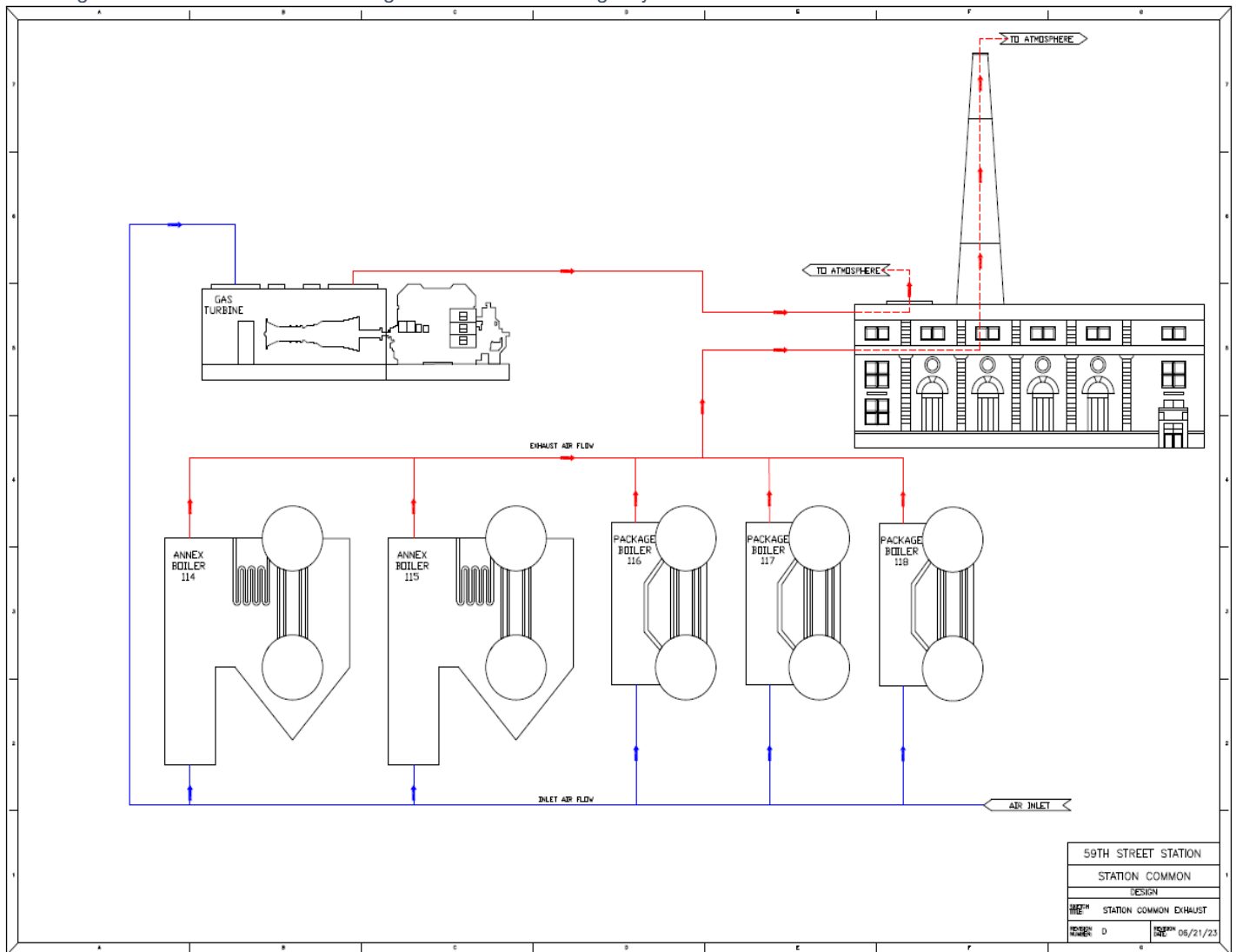
In addition to reducing emissions by moving to No. 2 fuel oil as a backup fuel for the boilers and permitting other more environmentally friendly fuel types for the boilers and the turbine, Con Edison also plans to reduce emissions at the 59<sup>th</sup> Street Station by installing water injection controls on the gas turbine. These water injection controls will allow the gas turbine to continue to operate in compliance with NYSDEC's 2019 rule on nitrogen oxide (NOx) emissions from certain combustion turbines used to generate electricity. After these water injection controls are installed, the gas turbine will also be used solely for the limited circumstances of backing up the steam plant and assisting with electric system reliability going forward, and not for the Company's economic gains.

## Potential Impacts

This is a renewal of our existing Title V permit with no change to existing combustion sources except for environmentally beneficial ones (moving to a less polluting backup fuel oil -- distillate fuel oil -- for the boilers to comply with New York City's Local Law 43 and installing emissions controls on the gas turbine so that it meets NYSDEC NOx emissions limits effective May 1, 2025). There is no request to increase the permitted emissions from this facility and there will be no change in the scope of permitted activities.

To address the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA) the applicant is required to provide a CLCPA 7(2) and 7(3) analysis to the NYSDEC, which will be posted to the document repository (see Section VI).

Figure 2. 59<sup>th</sup> Street Schematic Diagram/ Site Plan showing major emission sources.



### **III. STAKEHOLDER IDENTIFICATION & CONTACT LIST**

A contact list consisting of the names, addresses, phone numbers, and/or email addresses of stakeholders to the proposed action is provided in Appendix A. The contact list includes individuals and organizations with a direct stake in the proposed action and people, individuals and organizations that have expressed interest in the proposed project or similar projects affecting the same neighborhood or community. The applicant has participated in several conversations and NYSDEC permitting applications around the company's operation of the 59<sup>th</sup> Street Steam Station and as such had already developed a list of entities interested in the activities at this location.

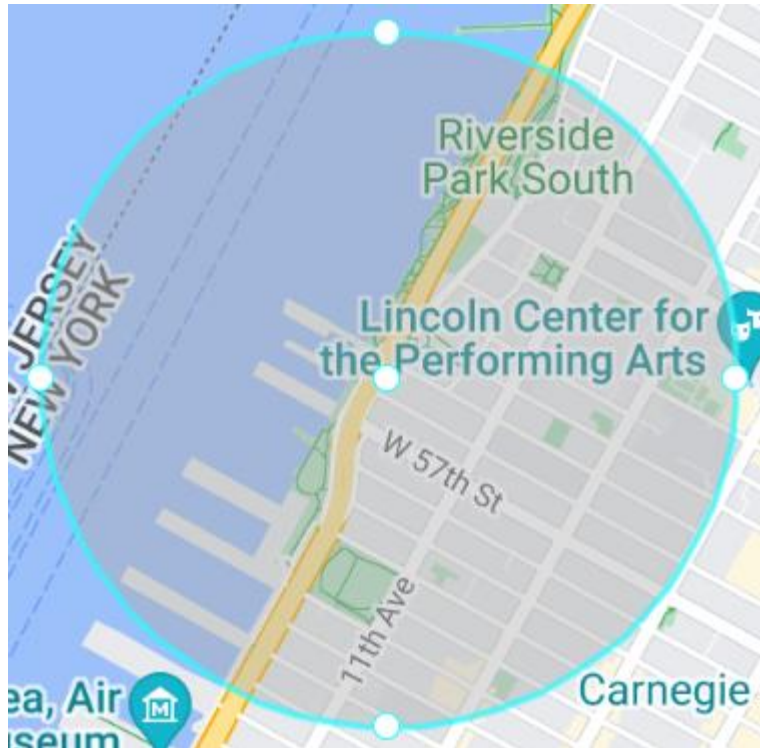
We have used the most current available information and will remain in communication throughout the public participation period to ensure we are getting information to the correct parties. This level of communication mirrors the usual practices of Con Edison's Regional and Community Affairs teams.

The current contact list has been developed in consultation with NYSDEC by identifying stakeholders from the following categories: local government and elected officials; business owners, residents, and occupants; local civic, community, environmental and religious organizations; local news media; and the administrator/operator of any school or day care that lives, works and/or represents a neighborhood or community within a half-mile radius of the project area (see Figure 3). Since our last NYSDEC permit application for this facility, we have identified additional stakeholders in the surrounding community and added them to our contact list.

The applicant will utilize this contact list to communicate and disseminate information about the proposed project/action and permit application review process to the affected community and stakeholders. At minimum, this includes distribution of the written information and outreach materials described in Section V to inform the community about upcoming public meetings and opportunities for public participation.

The contact list will be reviewed periodically and updated as appropriate throughout the permit application review process. The applicant will update the contact list with any new stakeholders identified during the public meeting or execution of other PPP components. In addition, individuals and organizations will be added to the contact list upon request. Such requests should be submitted to the project liaison identified in Section IV, below. Other additions to the contact list may be made at the discretion of the applicant or, at the request of the NYSDEC project manager, in consultation with other NYSDEC staff, as appropriate.

*Figure 3. Outreach Radius Map*



#### **IV. PROJECT LIAISON**

A representative from the project team will be available during business hours at:

- Marina Balber, Corporate Affairs Specialist
- Manhattan Regional and Community Affairs
- 212-460-6427
- balberm@coned.com
- 4 Irving Place, NY, NY 10003

Impacted residents and interested stakeholders can contact the project liaison listed above to provide input to the project team, discuss any issues or concerns and/or to ask questions or request information. The project liaison shall respond in a timely manner and in the manner appropriate to questions or information requests received. The project liaison will be responsible for tracking and documenting public input, inquiries, questions, and information requests received, along with responses provided.

## **V. PUBLIC OUTREACH ACTIVITIES**

The applicant will utilize a range of engagement strategies and conduct various public outreach activities to facilitate participation, involvement, and direct communication with the affected community during the permit application review process. The applicant will implement the public outreach activities outlined below upon finalization and approval of this PPP by NYSDEC.

In compliance with the requirements of CP-29, the applicant will hold public information meeting(s) to keep the public informed about the proposed action and the environmental permit review process. At minimum, the applicant will prepare, distribute and post written information and materials, including a meeting notice and fact sheet, to encourage dialogue and solicit input from interested stakeholders during the permit application review process. All public outreach materials and information will be prepared and presented in an easy-to-read, understandable format, using plain language free of legal terminology, and geared towards a non-technical audience.

The public meeting notice and fact sheet will be made available and disseminated in both English and Spanish. In addition, the public can contact the project liaison regarding the availability of language assistance and to request that the notice and fact sheet be translated into another language for comprehension by non-English speaking or limited-proficiency stakeholders. A copy of the English notice is included in this document.

### **Public Meeting(s)**

To satisfy the intent of CP-29, at the discretion of NYSDEC and, depending on the scale and nature of a project, the applicant must conduct one or more virtual public meeting(s).

A meeting is typically required near the end of the permit application review process to inform the public about: the status of or, if applicable, the availability of final application materials and draft permits for review; the pending NYSDEC public comment period, and deadline to submit written comments to NYSDEC, if established; and eventual final decision. Meetings may also be held earlier, either pursuant to this plan or possibly even earlier during the initial design phase. Please see Appendix D for summary of the July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023 presentation at the Community Board 4 meeting.

### **Public Meeting: At or Near Completeness**

Applicant will facilitate a virtual public meeting on September 19, 2023 at 6:30 pm to:

- Inform the public about the proposed project/action and permit application review status.
- Provide the opportunity for stakeholders to ask questions and express concerns about the project and identify how to obtain information or answers to questions after the meeting has concluded.
- Inform attendees how they may submit written comments on the permit application to the NYSDEC during the public comment period and, if available, identify any applicable deadlines.

### **Necessary Meeting Discussion Points and Requirements**



The public meeting will be facilitated by the applicant and/or representatives from their project team (project personnel) via MS Teams. During the meeting, the applicant and/or representatives from their project team will present a brief overview of the project, including any relevant background information, details on the permitting action, scope of work, schedule, and community impacts. The second part of the meeting will include a question-and-answer portion where attendees may ask questions, offer remarks, and/or express concerns. In addition, the following discussion points will be addressed:

- Provide an update on the permit application review process and identify outstanding application requirements and future milestones in the application review process.
- Make it clear that the meeting is being held prior to NYSDEC's permitting decision for the project/action.
- Identify the location of the online document repository and provide directions on how attendees may obtain and review materials relevant to the application, documents related to the meeting and other public participation plan components.
- Identify and provide contact information for the project liaison and announce procedures for how attendees may obtain answers to questions after the meeting has concluded and interested stakeholders can submit questions, express concerns, or request additional information by telephone, email, and in writing.
- Announce any future outreach, opportunities for public participation, and /or required follow-up with attendees including, but not limited to: additional meetings and future mailings, e.g., the Notice of Complete Application.

Attendance will be recorded during the virtual meeting by using the automated participant list that TEAMS utilizes. Additionally, we will verify the identity of users that call in by asking those participants for their information. The applicant will track the number of attendees for all meetings held during implementation of this PPP and, where feasible and applicable, identify any affiliation of participants and interests represented at the meeting. In addition, the applicant will be responsible for documenting meeting notes or minutes, along with a record of comments and questions raised in the meeting and respective responses and answers provided. Attendees not identified on the contact list will have the option to be added in the event of future meetings or information sharing.

### **Virtual Public Meeting Notice Preparation and Distribution**

Information regarding the details of the virtual public meeting(s) and how to participate via computer and/or telephone will be contained in the reader-friendly meeting notice(s) shown in Appendix B. The notice has been prepared in English and will be translated into Spanish by a certified translator. Through this notice, the public will be invited and encouraged to attend the public virtual meeting scheduled for September 19, 2023, at 6:30 PM.

Once the PPP has been approved by NYSDEC, the public meeting notice will be posted and available in the online document repository described in Section VI of this document. At least two weeks in advance of the virtual public meeting, the notice will be published in the Manhattan Express and El Diario, which are newspapers printed, published, and circulated daily in New York. In addition, the public meeting notice will be emailed, mailed and/or hand delivered (door-to-door) to the stakeholders identified in the contact list in Appendix A at least two weeks prior to the virtual public meeting.

## **Fact Sheet Preparation and Distribution**

Factual information about the proposed project/action, including an overview, purpose statement, and potential impacts, is outlined in the reader-friendly fact sheet shown in Appendix C. In addition, the fact sheet outlines how interested stakeholders can: participate in the permit application review process; access the online document repository to review relevant application materials prior to the public meeting; and contact the project team to obtain additional information. The fact sheet has been prepared in English and will be translated into Spanish by a certified translator.

Once NYSDEC approves the PPP, the fact sheet will be posted and available in the online document repository described in Section VI of this document. No later than two weeks prior to the public meeting, the applicant will distribute the fact sheet to provide stakeholders with relevant background on the proposed project/action and facilitate meaningful participation during the meeting. The fact sheet will be distributed together with the public meeting notice via email, mail and/or hand delivery (door-to-door).

The fact sheet(s) will also be posted within the vicinity of the project site and visible to the public. For example, they may be posted on some sidewalk lampposts or bulletin boards located in the lobby of residential complex buildings or public facilities such as libraries, schools, or community centers within the project site.

## **Distribution of Notice of Complete Application**

Once NYSDEC determines the application(s) for the proposed action/project is complete and provides the Notice of Complete Application (NOCA) to the applicant, the applicant will distribute the NOCA and draft permit, if applicable, to the meeting attendees and any identified interested parties, to provide notification regarding the start of the NYSDEC public comment period and to announce the deadline for submission of written comments to NYSDEC. If the NOCA is available at the time of the meeting, the applicant will distribute the NOCA at the public meeting. If the NOCA is not available at the time of the meeting, the applicant will provide explicit instructions on how to access the online repository and inform the attendees that, once available, the NOCA will be posted to the

online document repository and will be distributed to attendees via email or mail as soon as possible, but no later than the date that the NOCA is published by the applicant in the print edition of a paid local newspaper that is circulated at least weekly and available in the municipality in which the project is located.

## **Additional Outreach and Materials**

Con Edison joined the July 13th meeting of Community Board 4's Waterfront, Parks, and Environment (WPE) committee to discuss our operations at the 59th Street Station and our permit renewal application. A summary of the meeting can be found in Appendix D.

## **VI. DOCUMENT REPOSITORY**

An online document repository has been established for the community and interested

stakeholders to access and review information about the project. The online repository, available at [www.coned.com/home/community-affairs/community-updates/59th-st-air-quality-permit](http://www.coned.com/home/community-affairs/community-updates/59th-st-air-quality-permit), will provide information and documents relating to the project and permit application.

The repository will be updated throughout the application process with project-related information and written materials (e.g., application forms and supporting materials, draft permit, fact sheet, statement of basis, and where applicable, the Notice of Complete Application provided by the NYSDEC).

## **VII. SUBMISSIONS**

### **Final Summary Report and Written Certification**

Upon completion of the enhanced PPP, the applicant will submit written certification to NYSDEC to certify that it has fully executed and complied with the approved PPP. The certification shall be signed by the applicant, or the applicant's agent, and submitted to NYSDEC prior to a final decision on the application.

As part of the certification, the applicant shall submit a final summary report documenting the implementation of this PPP. The report will summarize the activities that occurred in accordance with the PPP and will identify any substantive concerns raised by stakeholders during the public meeting, or, at any time throughout the permitting process and detail the applicant's response(s) to any such concerns or questions. The applicant will include, or append, any documentation that supports the final summary report, such as: the meeting sign-in sheet(s), record of attendees/participants, meeting presentation, notes or minutes, summary of questions and answers, and copy of newspaper notice or other proof of publication. In addition, the report will identify any changes or modifications to the proposed project that were made or considered by the applicant to address or reduce concerns surrounding the permit application.

The final summary report and written certification will become part of the application record and will be posted to the online document repository so that it is readily available to the public.

# **APPENDIX A**

## **Contact List**

Category	Organization	Contact	Title	Address	Email	Phone
Elected Official	US Senate	Garrett Armwood - Hon Charles Schumer	Deputy State Director	780 Third Avenue, Suite 2301, New York, NY 10017	<a href="mailto:Garrett_Armwood@schumer.senate.gov">Garrett_Armwood@schumer.senate.gov</a>	(212) 486-4430
Elected Official	US Senate	Nancy Conde - Hon Kristen Gillibrand	Director of Intergovernmental Affairs	780 Third Avenue, Suite 2601, New York, NY 10017	<a href="mailto:nancy_conde@gillibrand.senate.gov">nancy_conde@gillibrand.senate.gov</a>	(917) 580-0324
Elected Official	Congressional District 12 - Jerrold (Jerry) Nadler	Hannah Weirnerman	Community Liaison	201 Varick Street, Suite 669, New York, NY 10014	<a href="mailto:Hannah.weirnerman@mail.house.gov">Hannah.weirnerman@mail.house.gov</a>	(212) 367-7350
Elected Official	NYC Mayor (Eric Adams)	Robin I. Forst	Manhattan Director Community Affairs Unit	City Hall, New York, NY 10007	<a href="mailto:rforst@cityhall.nyc.gov">rforst@cityhall.nyc.gov</a>	(212) 346-6302
Elected Official	NYC Comptroller (Brad Landers)	Sergey Chuprik	Senior Community Liaison	1 Centre Street, New York, NY 10007	<a href="mailto:schuprik@comptroller.nyc.gov">schuprik@comptroller.nyc.gov</a>	(917) 974-1003
Elected Official	Public Advocate (Jumaane Williams)	Beverly Gooding	Director of Constituent Services	1 Centre Street, New York, NY 10007	<a href="mailto:bgooding@advocate.nyc.gov">bgooding@advocate.nyc.gov</a>	(212) 669-4799
Elected Official	Manhattan County Clerk (Hon Milton Tingling)	Manuel Tavarez	Administrator for NY County NY County Clerk Office	NY County Courthouse, 60 Centre St, Rm 161, New York, NY 10007	<a href="mailto:mtavarez@nycourts.gov">mtavarez@nycourts.gov</a>	(646) 386-5955 (646) 386-5956 (646) 386-5950
Elected Official	State Senate District 47 (Brad Hoylman-Sigal)	Natalie Naculich	Legislative Aide and Community Liaison	5030 Broadway Suite 701, New York, NY 10034	<a href="mailto:naculich@nysenate.gov">naculich@nysenate.gov</a>	(212) 544-0173
Elected Official	State Assembly District 67 (Rosenthal)	Erica Overton	Director of Community Affairs	230 West 72nd Street, Suite 2F, New York, NY 10023	<a href="mailto:overtone@nyassembly.gov">overtone@nyassembly.gov</a>	(212) 873-6368

Elected Official	State Assembly District 75 (Simone)	Emma Johnson	Special Assistant	214 West 29th Street, Suite 1002 New York, NY 10001	<a href="mailto:johnsoem@nyassembly.gov">johnsoem@nyassembly.gov</a> (212) 807-7900
Elected Official	State Assembly District 66 (Glick)	Tracy Jackson	Chief of Staff	853 Broadway Suite 2007 New York, NY 10003	<a href="mailto:jacksont@nyassembly.gov">jacksont@nyassembly.gov</a> 212-674-5153 office 917-834-3299 cell
Elected Official	NYC Council District 3 (Bottcher)	Carl Wilson	Chief of Staff	224 West 30th Street, Suite 1206, New York, NY 10001	<a href="mailto:CaWilson@council.nyc.gov">CaWilson@council.nyc.gov</a> (212) 564-7347
Elected Official	NYC Council District 6 (Brewer)	Rosalba Rodriguez	Director, District Office	563 Columbus Avenue, New York, NY 10024	<a href="mailto:RoRodriguez@council.nyc.gov">RoRodriguez@council.nyc.gov</a> (212) 873-0282
Elected Official	Borough President Levine	Manuel Belliard	Director, Northern Manhattan Office	431 West 125th St, New York, NY 10027	<a href="mailto:mbelliard@manhattanbp.nyc.gov">mbelliard@manhattanbp.nyc.gov</a> (212) 531-1609
City Agency	NYC Dept of Environmental Protection Commissioner - Rohit Aggarwala	Humberto Galarza	Bureau of Public Affairs & Communications	59-17 Junction Boulevard, Flushing, NY 11373	<a href="mailto:hgalarza@dep.nyc.gov">hgalarza@dep.nyc.gov</a> (718) 595-3504
City Agency	NYC Dept of City Planning Commission	Andy Cantu	West Side Team Leader, Manhattan Office	120 Broadway, 31st Floor New York, NY 10271	<a href="mailto:acantu@planning.nyc.gov">acantu@planning.nyc.gov</a> (212) 720-3480
Community Board	Community Board 4	Jesse Bodine	District Manager	424 W. 33rd Street, Suite 580, New York, NY 10001	<a href="mailto:jbodine@cb.nyc.gov">jbodine@cb.nyc.gov</a> (212) 736-4536
Community Board	Community Board 7	Maxwell Vandervliet	District Manager	250 West 87th Street, 2nd Floor New York, NY 10024	<a href="mailto:mvandervliet.cb7@gmail.com">mvandervliet.cb7@gmail.com</a> (212) 362-4008

Business Improvement District	Lincoln Square BID	Monica Blum	Executive Director	1881 Broadway Suite 2R New York, NY 10023	<a href="mailto:mblum@lincoinsquarebid.org">mblum@lincoinsquarebid.org</a> (212) 581-3774
Parks	Hudson River Park Trust	Noreen Doyle	President and CEO	353 West Street Pier 40, 2nd Floor New York, NY 10014	<a href="mailto:ndoyle@hrpt.ny.gov">ndoyle@hrpt.ny.gov</a> (917) 661-8756
Parks	Hudson River Park Trust	Robert Atterbury	Executive Vice President of Park Relationships & Programs	353 West Street Pier 40, 2nd Floor New York, NY 10014	<a href="mailto:ratterbury@hrpt.ny.gov">ratterbury@hrpt.ny.gov</a>
Parks	NYC Parks (Dewitt Clinton Park)	Terese Flores	Regional Park Manager	Arsenal West, 24 West 61st Street, 5th Floor, New York, NY 10023	<a href="mailto:terese.flores@parks.nyc.gov">terese.flores@parks.nyc.gov</a> (212) 408-0261
Parks	NYC Parks (Dewitt Clinton Park)	Paul Evans	Park Manager	Arsenal West, 24 West 61st Street, 5th Floor, New York, NY 10023	<a href="mailto:paul.evans@parks.nyc.gov">paul.evans@parks.nyc.gov</a>
Parks	NYC Parks (Riverside Park South)	John Herrold	Riverside Park Administrator	Arsenal West, 24 West 61st Street, 5th Floor, New York, NY 10023	<a href="mailto:John.Herrold@parks.nyc.gov">John.Herrold@parks.nyc.gov</a> (212) 408-0264
Parks/Recreation	NYC Parks (Gertrude Ederle Recreation Center)	Sherry Plowden Richard Martinez	Center Manager	232 W 60 <sup>th</sup> Street New York, NY 10023	<a href="mailto:Sherry.Plowden@parks.nyc.gov">Sherry.Plowden@parks.nyc.gov</a> ; <a href="mailto:richard.martinez@parks.nyc.gov">richard.martinez@parks.nyc.gov</a>
Parks	Hudson River Park Friends	Connie Fishman	Executive Director	353 West St Ste 2, New York, NY 10014	<a href="mailto:info@hudsonriverpark.org">info@hudsonriverpark.org</a> (212) 757-0981
Parks	Riverside Park Conservancy	Merritt Birnbaum	President and CEO	475 Riverside Drive, Suite 455, New York, NY 10115	<a href="mailto:merritt@riversideparknyc.org">merritt@riversideparknyc.org</a> (212) 870-3090



Parks	Riverside Park Conservancy	Anastasia Galkowski	Sustainability Manager	475 Riverside Drive, Suite 455, New York, NY 10115	<a href="mailto:anastasia@riversideparknyc.org">anastasia@riversideparknyc.org</a>
Sanitation	DSNY	Marissa Yanni	Community Relations	59 Maiden Lane, 5th Floor New York, NY 10038	<a href="mailto:myanni@dsny.nyc.gov">myanni@dsny.nyc.gov</a> (646) 885-4575
Sanitation	DSNY (Manhattan District 4)	Christopher Agazzi	District Superintendent	650 W 57th St, New York, NY 10019	<a href="mailto:mno4super@dsny.nyc.gov">mno4super@dsny.nyc.gov</a> (212) 506-7402
Sanitation	DSNY (Pier 99)	John Capo	Director	59 Maiden Lane, 5th Floor New York, NY 10038	<a href="mailto:jcapo@dsny.nyc.gov">jcapo@dsny.nyc.gov</a> (212) 639-9675
Sanitation	DSNY (Pier 99)	Anthony Bianco	Assistant Chief of Staff	Pier 99, 901 12th Ave, New York, NY 10019	<a href="mailto:abianco@dsny.nyc.gov">abianco@dsny.nyc.gov</a> (347) 593-4659 cell, (646) 885-4695 office
Hospital	Mount Sinai Hospital (West)	Brad Korn	Director, Community Affairs	555 West 57 <sup>th</sup> Street 5 <sup>th</sup> Floor New York NY 10019	<a href="mailto:brad.korn@mountsinai.org">brad.korn@mountsinai.org</a> (212) 523-4000
Hospital	Hospital for Special Surgery	Michael Rawlings	Facilities	535 East 70th Street, New York, NY 10021	<a href="mailto:rawlingsm@hss.edu">rawlingsm@hss.edu</a> (212) 606-1000
Schools	Fordham University II	William T. Colona	Assistant Vice President, Government Relations	441 E. Fordham Rd Cunniffe House Rm 218 Bronx, NY 10458	<a href="mailto:wcolona@fordham.edu">wcolona@fordham.edu</a> (718) 817-3020
Schools	John Jay College of Criminal Justice, City University of New York	Mircea Alex Comanescu, PhD	Director, Environmental Health and Safety	524 W. 59th St., Room L2.61 New York, NY 10019	<a href="mailto:mcomanescu@jjay.cuny.edu">mcomanescu@jjay.cuny.edu</a> (212) 621-4117
Schools	Collegiate School	Neil Martinez	Facilities Director	301 Freedom Place South New York, NY 10069	<a href="mailto:nmartinez@collegiateschool.org">nmartinez@collegiateschool.org</a> (212) 812-8500

Schools	Speyer Legacy School	Larry Donovan	Head of School	925 Ninth Avenue New York, NY 1019	<a href="mailto:info@speyerschool.org">info@speyerschool.org</a> (212) 581-4000
Schools	The Gateway School	David Fallon	Director of Safety and Facilities	211 W 61st St, New York, NY 10023	<a href="mailto:dfallon@gatewayschool.org">dfallon@gatewayschool.org</a> (212) 777-5966
Schools	Abraham Joshua Heschel School	Ariela Dubler	Head of School	30 West End Avenue New York, NY 10023	<a href="mailto:Ariela.dubler@heschel.org">Ariela.dubler@heschel.org</a> (212) 784-1234
Schools	River School, Bright Horizons	Alana Einhorn	Assistant Center Director	75 West End Avenue New York, NY 10023	<a href="mailto:RiverWestSide@brighthorizons.com">RiverWestSide@brighthorizons.com</a> (646) 484-7011
Schools	Metrokids (West End School)	Yuen Ting	Director	101 West End Avenue New York, NY 10023	<a href="mailto:yting@metrokidspreschool.com">yting@metrokidspreschool.com</a> (212) 362-0135
Schools	NY Kids Club – West End Avenue	Marc Gilkes	Center Director	21 West End Avenue New York, NY 10023	<a href="mailto:westend@nykidsclub.com">westend@nykidsclub.com</a> (347) 773-0603
Schools	High School for Environmental Studies	Brian Bianchi	Assistant Principal – Facilities and Security	444 W 56th St, New York, NY 10019	<a href="mailto:bbianchi@schools.nyc.gov">bbianchi@schools.nyc.gov</a> (212) 262-8113
Schools	LaGuardia High School	Michelle Mathesius	Principal	100 Amsterdam Ave New York, NY 10023	<a href="mailto:mmathesius@schools.nyc.gov">mmathesius@schools.nyc.gov</a> (212) 496-0700
Schools	West End Secondary School	Jessica Jenkins	Principal	227 W 61st Street New York, NY 10023	<a href="mailto:jjenkins2@schools.nyc.gov">jjenkins2@schools.nyc.gov</a> (212) 245-1506
Schools	NYC Department of Education District 2	Kelly McGuire	Superintendent	333 7th Avenue, New York NY 10001	<a href="mailto:KMcGuire@schools.nyc.gov">KMcGuire@schools.nyc.gov</a> (212) 356-3739
Schools	NYC Department of Education District 3	Kamar Samuels	Superintendent	154 West 93rd Street, New York NY 10025	<a href="mailto:KSamuels@schools.nyc.gov">KSamuels@schools.nyc.gov</a> (212) 678-5857

Schools	P.S. 191 Amsterdam School	Stephen Hernon	Principal	300 W 61st Street, New York NY, 10023		(347) 478-5228
Schools	Hopscotch Montessori school VIA 57 campus	Dmytro Drozdovskyi	CFO	649 W 57th St, New York, NY 10019	<a href="mailto:info57@hopscotchmontessori.com">info57@hopscotchmontessori.com</a>	(212) 765-0581
NYCHA Management	Amsterdam Houses (NYCHA)	Management Development Office		205 West 61st Street, New York, NY 10023		(212) 265-1803
NYCHA Management	Harborview Terrace Houses (NYCHA)	Management Development Office		525 West 55th Street, New York, NY 10019		(212) 757-1051
NYCHA Residents	Amsterdam Houses	Margarita Curet	Resident's Association President	218 West 64th Street, New York, NY 10023	<a href="mailto:Ahra47@yahoo.com">Ahra47@yahoo.com</a>	Landline (212) 262 2371 Cell (347) 355 3982
NYCHA Residents	Amsterdam Addition Houses	Patricia Ryan	Resident's Association President	545 Eighth Ave., Suite 401 New York, NY 10018	no email available	(917) 847-2951 (212) 496-0506
NYCHA Residents	Harborview Terrace Houses	Maria Guzman	Resident's Association President	520 W 56th St, New York, Ny 10019	<a href="mailto:mariagnys@aol.com">mariagnys@aol.com</a>	(646) 463-4450
Local Nonprofit	Manhattan Community Boathouse (Pier 96)			PO Box 20039 Manhattan Community Boathouse New York, NY 10023 USA	<a href="mailto:manhattancommunityboathouse@gmail.com">manhattancommunityboathouse@gmail.com</a>	(847) 704-4116
Local Nonprofit	Downtown Boathouse	Graeme Birchall	President		<a href="mailto:graeme_birchall@verizon.net">graeme_birchall@verizon.net</a>	
Local Nonprofit	Billion Oyster Project	Pete Malinowski	Executive Director	10 South Street, Slip 7 New York, NY 10004	<a href="mailto:pmalinowski@billionoysterproject.org">pmalinowski@billionoysterproject.org</a>	(212) 458-0800 ext. 6503

Local Nonprofit	Waterfront Alliance	Cortney Koenig Worrall	President and CEO	256 W 36th Street, 11th Floor New York, NY 1018	<a href="mailto:cworrall@waterfrontalliance.org">cworrall@waterfrontalliance.org</a>	(212) 935-9831
Local Nonprofit	Lincoln Square Neighborhood Center			250 West 65th Street, New York, NY 10023		(212) 874-0860
Local Nonprofit	Hudson River Park Advisory Council	Daniel Miiller, Tammy Meltzer, Jeffrey LeFrancois	Chair, First Vice Chair, Second Vice Chair		<a href="mailto:advisorycouncil@hrpt.ny.gov">advisorycouncil@hrpt.ny.gov</a>	
Local Nonprofit	Air NYC			349 East 149th Street, Suite 609, Bronx, NY 10451	<a href="mailto:info@air-nyc.org">info@air-nyc.org</a>	646-545-2263
Local Nonprofit	Clean Air NY			342 Broadway, Suite 404, New York, NY 10013	<a href="mailto:info@cacwny.org">info@cacwny.org</a>	716-852-3813 x102
Local Nonprofit	Habitat for Humanity			34A St Marks Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11217	<a href="mailto:info@habitatforhumanity.org">info@habitatforhumanity.org</a>	347-410-9499
Local Nonprofit	Riverkeeper	Tracy Brown	President, Hudson Riverkeeper		<a href="mailto:tbrown@riverkeeper.org">tbrown@riverkeeper.org</a>	
Local Nonprofit	Hudson River Park Foundation			17 Battery Place, Suite 915, New York, NY 10004	<a href="mailto:info@hudsonriver.org">info@hudsonriver.org</a>	212-483-7667
Local Church	Society of St. Vincent de Paul	Todd Piorier	President	405 West 59th Street, New York, NY 10019	<a href="mailto:stpaulsvdpnyc@gmail.com">stpaulsvdpnyc@gmail.com</a>	(203) 493-4021
Local Residential Building	The Durst Organization	Matthew Berman	Building Management	600 West 58th Street, New York, NY 10019	<a href="mailto:MBerman@thedurst.org">MBerman@thedurst.org</a>	(646) 988-4910
Local Residential Building	1 West End	David Nicaj	Building Management	1 West End Ave, New York, NY 10023	<a href="mailto:ResidentManager@1WestEnd.com">ResidentManager@1WestEnd.com</a>	(917) 734-7869

Local Residents Services Group	Lincoln Square Neighborhood Center	Susan Matloff-Nieves	243 W 64th St, New York, NY 10023	<a href="mailto:smatloff-nieves@goddard.org">smatloff-nieves@goddard.org</a>	(929) 359-0382
Local Business	Terminal 5		610 West 56th Street, New York, NY 10019	<a href="mailto:info@bowerypresents.com">info@bowerypresents.com</a>	(212) 582-6600
Local Business/Media Organization	CBS Broadcast Center		530 W. 57th Street New York, NY 10019	<a href="mailto:desk@cbs2ny.com">desk@cbs2ny.com</a>	(212) 975-4321
Local Business	Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott New York Manhattan/Central Park		538 W 58th St, New York, NY 10019	<a href="mailto:frontdesknycf@mrhotelmanagement.net">frontdesknycf@mrhotelmanagement.net</a>	(212) 757-8550
Local Business	Morty's Wine and Beer Bar		15 West End Ave, New York, NY 10023	<a href="mailto:Cameron@martonwilliams.com">Cameron@martonwilliams.com</a>	(917) 388-3310
Local Business	Soul Dental West		853 11th Ave, New York, NY 10019		(646) 437-6062
Local Business	Copacabana Nightclub		625 W 51st St, New York, NY 10019		(917) 559-1779
Local Business	Clinton Older Adult Center	Stephanie Falcon Program Director	530 West 55th Street, New York, NY 10019	<a href="mailto:sfalcon@projectfind.org">sfalcon@projectfind.org</a>	212-757-2026
Media Organization	New York Daily News		270C Duffy Avenue, Hicksville, NY 11801	<a href="http://nyclassifieds.nydailynews.com">nyclassifieds.nydailynews.com</a>	(212) 210-2004

Media Organization	New York Post		1211 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10036	<a href="mailto:community@nypost.com">community@nypost.com</a> (212) 930-8000
Media Organization	El Diario NY		41 Flatbush Avenue, Fl 1, Brooklyn, NY, 11217	<a href="mailto:advertise@impremedia.com">advertise@impremedia.com</a> (877) 862-8476
Media Organization	West Side Spirit	Seth Miller	20 West Avenue, Chester, NY 10918	<a href="mailto:advertising@strausnews.com">advertising@strausnews.com</a> (212) 868-0190 <a href="mailto:seth.miller@strausnews.com">seth.miller@strausnews.com</a>
Media Organization	The West Sider Chelsea Clinton News	Tania Cade	8th Avenue & 35th Street, New York, NY 10018	<a href="mailto:advertising@strausnews.com">advertising@strausnews.com</a> (212) 868-0190 <a href="mailto:tania.cade@strausnews.com">tania.cade@strausnews.com</a>
Media Organization	Chelsea Now		One Metrotech Center North Brooklyn, NY 11201	<a href="mailto:rdonofrio@schnepsmedia.com">rdonofrio@schnepsmedia.com</a> (718) 260-2510
Media Organization	West Side Rag			<a href="mailto:info@westsiderag.com">info@westsiderag.com</a> ; <a href="mailto:ads@westsiderag.com">ads@westsiderag.com</a>
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Interested Individual		John Eisenhower		<a href="mailto:jweisenhauer@gmail.com">jweisenhauer@gmail.com</a>
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Cultural Institution/ Environmental Group	Lilac Preservation Project	Mary Habstritt	Museum Director and President	<a href="mailto:mary@lilacpreservationproject.org">mary@lilacpreservationproject.org</a>
Interested Individual		Rob Buchanan		<a href="mailto:avironvoile@gmail.com">avironvoile@gmail.com</a>
Interested Individual		Ernest Tollerson		<a href="mailto:ernest.tollerson@gmail.com">ernest.tollerson@gmail.com</a>

**APPENDIX B**  
**Virtual Public Meeting Notice**  
**(English and Spanish)**



# YOU ARE INVITED

Virtual Public Meeting  
**September 19, 2023 at 6:30 PM**  
Con Edison's 59<sup>th</sup> Street Station  
Air Facility Title V Permit Renewal

Con Edison has submitted an application to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) for a NYSDEC Air Facility Title V Permit Renewal for Con Edison's operations at their 59<sup>th</sup> Street Station. A Public Participation Plan has been developed in accordance with NYSDEC Commissioner Policy 29, Environmental Justice and Permitting (CP-29). The purpose of this meeting is to inform the public about the project and to involve the community during the NYSDEC's Air Facility Title V permit renewal process which includes a modification request for environmentally friendly updates to the boilers' and the turbine's backup fuel oil, and improvements to the gas turbine's emissions controls.

**To Join Online For The MS Teams Meeting:**

<https://tinyurl.com/59thStAirQualityPermit>

**Meeting ID: 277 290 062 717**

**Passcode: kJUa4c**

- **To speak, please:**
  - **Raise your hand** 🙋
  - **Once mic is enabled, unmute** 🔊
- **Q&A chat function will be available**

*\* Please familiarize yourself with the Microsoft (MS) Teams platform in advance of the meeting:*

<https://support.microsoft.com/en-us/office/join-a-meeting-without-a-teams-account-c6efc38f-4e03-4e79-b28f-e65a4c039508>

**To Call-in: +1 424-566-7557**

**When prompted, please enter the**

**Phone Conference ID: 653 100 909#**

- **To raise your hand** 🙋 \*5
- **To unmute/mute** 🔊 🔇 \*6

**Meeting Agenda:**

- Project Overview
- Background
- Scope of Work
- Project Schedules
- Community Impacts
- Questions and Answers

## **Your Attendance is Important!**

Project personnel will be available to answer questions from the community. For additional information on the proposed project, please contact: [Marina Balber](mailto:balberm@coned.com) of Con Edison's [Manhattan Regional and Community Affairs](https://www.coned.com/home/community-affairs) by phone at 212-460-6427 or by email at [balberm@coned.com](mailto:balberm@coned.com). Visit the repository at: [www.coned.com/home/community-affairs/community-updates/59th-st-air-quality-permit](https://www.coned.com/home/community-affairs/community-updates/59th-st-air-quality-permit). Contact the project liaison to request reasonable accommodation for a disability or interpreter services in a language other than English, so that you can participate in the call and/or to request translation of any of the event documents into a language other than English.

**APPENDIX C**  
**Fact Sheet**  
**(English and Spanish)**

# **Con Edison Air Facility Title V Permit Renewal Fact Sheet**

- **Project:** Con Edison Air Facility Title V Permit Renewal
- **Applicant:** Con Edison
- **Facility:** 59<sup>th</sup> Street Station
- **NYSDEC Application Number:** 2-6202-00032/00013
- **A Public Participation Plan (PPP) has been developed in accordance with NYSDEC Commissioner Policy 29, Environmental Justice and Permitting (CP-29)**

## **What is the Proposed Project?**

The Proposed Project will allow Con Edison to continue providing safe and reliable steam and electric service to customers. To implement the proposed project, Con Edison has submitted an application to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) to renew its Air Facility Title V Permit, which covers the operation of two very large Boilers (114 and 115), three large boilers (116, 117, and 118), and one simple cycle combustion turbine, which includes a modification request for environmentally friendly updates to the boilers' and the turbine's backup fuel oil and improvements to the gas turbine's emissions controls. There is no request to increase the permitted emissions from this facility and there will be no change in the scope of permitted activities.

The purpose of this fact sheet is to inform the public about Con Edison's proposed project and to involve the community during the NYSDEC permit application review process.

## **Why does Con Edison need to renew the permit?**

Con Edison is seeking to renew its 59<sup>th</sup> Street Station's Air Facility Title V permit for the continued operation of two very large boilers, three large boilers and one gas turbine, which includes a modification request for environmentally friendly updates to the boilers' and the turbine's backup fuel oil and improvements to the gas turbine's emissions controls. Con Edison 59<sup>th</sup> St. Station primarily produces steam as part of the Company's Steam Production and Distribution System. The gas turbine serves as a backup to the electric system in case of emergency. NYSDEC is performing a full technical review of the application for this facility Title V permit renewal.

## **How might the project affect the surrounding community?**

No new external construction is needed. This permit renewal with a modification allows Con Edison to continue safe and reliable operations at this site as a utility in Manhattan. Additionally, the permit renewal application with a modification includes provisions to reduce air emissions from both the use of the boilers and the gas turbine.

## **How can I participate in the permit review process?**

- Attend the upcoming virtual public meeting scheduled for September 19, 2023, at 6:30 PM to learn about the project, ask questions and/or express concerns about the project.
- Ask questions, express concerns, provide input or submit by comments in writing, by phone or email to the project contact person identified below.

### **Where can I get more information about the proposed project?**

Visit the online document repository at: [www.coned.com/home/community-affairs/community-updates/59th-st-air-quality-permit](http://www.coned.com/home/community-affairs/community-updates/59th-st-air-quality-permit) to obtain application materials, relevant documents, and information about the project.

- For information on the project, instructions on how to attend the upcoming virtual public meeting, or to find out about the status of the permit application and public comment period, contact Marina Balber of Con Edison's Manhattan Regional and Community Affairs team at:
  - 4 Irving Place New York, NY 10003
  - 212-460-6427
  - [balberm@coned.com](mailto:balberm@coned.com)

### **Who is responsible for reviewing the Permit Application?**

- NYSDEC is responsible for reviewing and issuing the required permits.
  - Region 2 Headquarters
  - 47-40 21st St., Long Island City, NY 11101
  - (718) 482-4997
  - [DEP.R2@dec.ny.gov](mailto:DEP.R2@dec.ny.gov)

# **APPENDIX D**

## **Additional Outreach**

### **July 13, 2023 Meeting**

#### **Summary**

On July 13<sup>th</sup> Con Edison attended Community Board 4's Waterfront, Parks, and Environment Committee Meeting to discuss the objectives for the Title V Air Permit Renewal at the 59<sup>th</sup> Street Steam Station. Con Edison sent invitations to an extensive stakeholder list, publicized the meeting in the New York Daily News, and distributed flyers in the neighborhood. Community Board 4 also shared information via their typical publication channels. During the meeting, conversation was led by Frank Cuomo (General Manager, Steam Services) and Benjamin Tannen (Senior Attorney, Environmental Law). Following a description of the steam system and steam production, the team provided an overview of the Title V permit renewal process and explained the environmental benefits of the permit renewal. Remaining outreach actions, the location of the online repository, and contact information for Con Edison were also shared with the meeting's attendees.

Following the formal presentation, attendees had an opportunity to ask questions and provide comments to Con Edison's presenters. The attendees' questions centered around the permit's connection to Local Law 97, the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act, and timing for the permit renewal. Attendees also requested additional facility emissions data. Con Edison and the Community Board agreed to continue dialogue on the work that takes place at the 59<sup>th</sup> Street Steam Station.