

# **Con Edison Pier 98 SPDES Permit Renewal Fact Sheet**

- **Project:** Con Edison Pier 98 SPDES Permit Renewal
- **Applicant:** Con Edison
- **Facility:** Pier 98
- **NYSDEC Application Number:** 2-6202-00032/00004
- **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 steam and electric service to customers. To implement the proposed project, Con Edison has submitted an application for a SPDES permit renewal to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) to cover the discharge of wastewater. The purpose of this fact sheet is to inform the public about the 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 currently has a SPDES permit which covers discharges from the Company's 59<sup>th</sup> Street Steam Station and its cooling apparatus serving the 49<sup>th</sup> Street Substation. The production of steam has a byproduct of wastewater that under its SPDES permit Con Edison discharges to the Hudson River. Additionally Con Edison uses river water as part of a cooling system for cables at its 49<sup>th</sup> Street substation. This water is returned to the river also under its SPDES permit. NYSDEC is performing a full technical review of the SPDES permit as part of the renewal process.

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

There is no new construction needed and no changes in current activities. This renewal allows Con Edison to continue safe operations at this site as a utility in Manhattan.

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

- Attend the upcoming virtual public meeting scheduled for January 12, 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](http://www.coned.com) to obtain application materials, relevant documents, and information about the project.
- Contact Manhattan Regional and Community Affairs by phone at: 212-460-6427, by email at: [manhattanrca@coned.com](mailto:manhattanrca@coned.com) or in writing at: 4 Irving Place New York, NY 10003 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.

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

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