



Appendix 3.6-1

**New York State Department of
Environmental Conservation
Community Air Monitoring Meeting Notes
and Correspondence**

**Meeting with NYSDEC
Community Air Monitoring
January 24, 2024**

Attendees: Hugh Cirrito, NYSDEC Regional Engineer; Shaun Snee, NYSDEC Regional Air Pollution Control Engineer; Yin Zhao, NYSDEC Engineer; Terri Elkowitz, VHB

- Terri Elkowitz explained that VHB is Sands' SEQR consultant and status of SEQR review with Town. Discussed scoping meeting and briefly reviewed scope for air quality analysis. Indicated that we have reviewed the Community Air Monitoring presentations that the NYSDEC has made, including the most recent from September 2023
- Terri Elkowitz indicated that, based on those presentations, data was targeted to be available in early 2024
- Shaun Snee indicated that the raw data is held by a local license holder, and that Aclima is the consultant working on the air monitoring
- Terri Elkowitz advised that the Scope requires formal consultation with the NYSDEC to secure information regarding the status of and results of the community air monitoring initiative and that relevant information provided by the NYSDEC was to be included in the DEIS
- Terri Elkowitz discussed the analyses that are being performed, and that, based on the review of the NYSDEC presentations, Sands is already incorporating applicable measures that were identified and is undertaking an extensive traffic impact study and developing a mitigation program.

Next Steps:

- VHB to prepare letter to Shaun Snee requesting information/material as required by the EIS Scope

From: Terri Elkowitz
Sent: Thursday, January 25, 2024 11:31 AM
To: Shaun.snee@dec.ny.gov
Cc: Yin.zhao@dec.ny.gov
Subject: Hempstead/New Cassel/Roosevelt/Uniondale/Westbury Disadvantaged Community

Good morning,

Please see attached letter formally requesting the Community Air Monitoring information.

Thanks for your help.

Terri



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January 25, 2024

Ref: 26841.01

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL AND U.S. MAIL

Mr. Shaun Snee, Regional Air Pollution Control Engineer
New York State Department of Environmental Conservation
50 Circle Road
Stony Brook, New York 11790

Re: Community Air Monitoring Program Information
Hempstead/New Cassel/Roosevelt/Uniondale/Westbury Disadvantaged Community

Dear Mr. Snee:


VHB is serving as the State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) consultant for the proposed Sands Integrated Resort, at the Nassau Veterans Memorial Coliseum property in Uniondale, New York.

The scoping process for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) is on-going, and with respect to air quality, among other things, we are required to consult with the NYSDEC "to secure information regarding the status of and results of the community air monitoring initiative" for the above-referenced disadvantaged community and include the information in the DEIS. The latest presentation made by NYSDEC on September 13, 2023 (accessed at [2022-23 Statewide Community Air Monitoring Initiative - NYDEC](#)) indicated that data would be available in early 2024, and we would like to gain access to the data and any other associated relevant information.

Thank you for your consideration of our request. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at telkowitz@vhb.com or 631-787-3460.

Sincerely,

VHB ENGINEERING, SURVEYING, LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE, AND GEOLOGY, P.C.


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cc: Yin Zhao, NYSDEC, via electronic mail

From: [Terri Elkowitz](#)
To: [Snee, Shaun \(DEC\)](#)
Cc: [Zhao, Yin \(DEC\)](#); [Cirrito, Hugh \(DEC\)](#)
Subject: RE: [External] RE: Hempstead/New Cassel/Roosevelt/Uniondale/Westbury Disadvantaged Community
Date: Wednesday, February 21, 2024 12:50:32 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
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Thank you for your response. Based on this, we will indicate that we met with you, via teleconference, on January 24, 2024, and that all available information is posted on the website. We will again reach out to Choice for All regarding what data they may be able to provide.

Best of luck in your retirement.

Terri

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Choice for All is the only license holder in the study area. If there are restrictions on what data is available, I am unaware of them.

The video-call and subsequent e-mails are the response. The January 25 letter is formatted as an introduction; outside of setting up the meeting, there is nothing being asked.

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From: Terri Elkowitz <TElkowitz@VHB.com>
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Good morning,

Per your e-mail on January 24, our client's representative reached out to Jacob Dixon of Choice for All, who indicated that he only holds the license for the data in Roosevelt. Would you happen to know who holds the data for Uniondale and Hempstead?

Also, any chance that we can get a written response to our January 25, 2024 letter (attached)?

Many thanks for your help.

Terri

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Subject: FW: Hempstead/New Cassel/Roosevelt/Uniondale/Westbury Disadvantaged Community

Good afternoon,

I am just following up on this. Is it possible for us to get a written response, so that we can satisfy the scoping requirements for consultation with the NYSDEC?

Many thanks for your help.

Terri

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Sent: Wednesday, July 24, 2024 7:10 AM

To: Terri Elkowitz <TElkowitz@VHB.com>

Subject: RE: [External] RE: Request for Data

Why don't you wait a bit and see the tool we've developed.
Randi

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From: Terri Elkowitz <TElkowitz@VHB.com>

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Subject: RE: [External] RE: Request for Data

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Thank you. Is it appropriate to submit a FOIL request for the analysis now or should we wait a bit?

I really appreciate your responsiveness. It is very helpful.

Terri

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From: dec.sm.CLCPA.CAM <CLCPA.CAM@dec.ny.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, July 23, 2024 12:59 PM

To: Terri Elkowitz <TElkowitz@VHB.com>

Subject: RE: [External] RE: Request for Data

Correct. We can't release the results until the report is released. I am hoping the results are released very soon.

When you receive the raw 1-second results, it will require someone with programming skills to access it. It's too large for MS Excel.

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From: Terri Elkowitz <TElkowitz@VHB.com>

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Hi Randi,

Thanks so much. We have previously submitted FOIL requests (copies attached). If I am understanding your response correctly (I apologize if I am not), you cannot release the raw data without your report, which provides an analysis of the results. Do you have an idea when the report will be available?

Thanks for your help.

Terri

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Subject: [External] RE: Request for Data

Hi Terri,

Are you requesting the raw data collected from the Community Air Monitoring Initiative? If you submit a FOIL, we can fulfill the request, after we release our first report which provides an analysis of the results. The raw data consists of 1-second measurements for a variety of pollutants.

Thank you,

Randi

Randi Walker

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From: Terri Elkowitz <TElkowitz@VHB.com>

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Thank you.

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