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Dear Colleagues:

Thank you for your correspondence dated November 26, 2024, addressed to Mayor Eric Adams regarding the New York City Department of Transportation's (NYC DOT) Columbia Waterfront Concrete Recycling Facility temporarily located in your districts, which was forwarded to NYC DOT to respond.

The crews at NYC DOT's concrete recycling facility support the city's Vision Zero goals through the construction of safety improvement projects, upgrading pedestrian ramps, sidewalks, mid-block crossings and medians to be safe, accessible and compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act. This critical facility was relocated from the South Brooklyn Marine Terminal in order to accommodate the city's equally critical, climate-saving off-shore wind hub and the development of renewable energy at that location, and this use is permitted under the current zoning for this site.

The New York City Economic Development Corporation, which owns the property, and NYC DOT have been coordinating closely to keep the public safe and address concerns from the community, including by ensuring all tenants on the property employ techniques to mitigate dust.

At NYC DOT's facility, we ensure that the piles of recycled concrete aggregate (RCA) are kept wet at all times. An additional sprinkler system has been added to the crusher to wet material during the crushing operation, and water trucks are used to regularly wet the piles. We continue to issue reminders that all trucks exiting and entering the yard must have all materials secured and covered. Additionally, on high wind days (above 30 mph), NYC DOT ceases all operations as necessary.

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In addition to the above techniques, NYC DOT is actively working to decrease the size of the RCA pile, and is procuring a new irrigation system to help keep the piles wet, particularly when staff is not on site, with installation expected in February 2025. Furthermore, to reduce the noise emitted by back-up alarms from vehicles, noise minimizers have been installed on nearly all of the vehicles and equipment throughout the site.

While the agency is working to secure a new, permanent space for this facility, there is no alternative space available at this time. Regardless, the agency is continuing to bring down the size of the RCA pile, which has been reduced to approximately two-thirds of its original mass, and will ultimately be reduced to half of its original size by this winter. Operations at this facility will cease for the season once the temperature is consistently in the 30-degree range. When operations resume in March, the agency will have secured a new system to enhance wetting of the piles, which reduces dust. The agency is also exploring a barging contract to ensure continued limiting of the size of the pile.

If you, or any of your constituents, have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact Emily Riquelme in the Office of Brooklyn Borough Commissioner at 646-892-1350. We will also perform additional flyer-ing in the neighborhood alerting constituents to the site. Please let us know if you have any location suggestions for that effort. Thank you for taking the time to write.

Sincerely,



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