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Tim Cawley  
Chairman and CEO  
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4 Irving Place  
New York, New York 10003

**Re: Oil Spill into Hudson River Estuary**

Dear Mr. Cawley,

Manhattan Community Board 4 (MCB4) thanks you for your presentation to the monthly meeting of Waterfront Parks and Environment Committee on Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup> about the recent oil spill into the Hudson River Estuary coming from the 59<sup>th</sup> Street Steam Station. We agree that was an unfortunate event. More than unfortunate, we are distressed that oil spilled into the estuary at all. However, we appreciate the updates you have provided about your efforts to clean up the spill since the meeting.

By a vote of 40 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstaining, 0 present not eligible at its June 5<sup>th</sup> Full Board meeting, MCB4 approves the comments that follow.

- During the meeting you indicated that on May 14 you would receive an evaluation of the current state of the cleanup. As of this writing you have not shared with us the result of that evaluation as you promised to do.
- You indicated that you would specifically detail to us the state of the repairs and specifically what was fixed. We continue to look forward to receiving that information.
- We discussed the probability that ConEd would install devices, procedures and other improvements to prevent future spills from leaving the steam plant and moving through

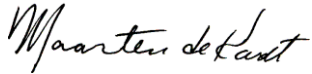
the discharge tunnel into the estuary. You indicated you would share with us the specific nature of those new protections but have not yet done so.

We are appreciative of being kept informed about the aftermath of this spill and look forward to receiving responses to our concerns.

Sincerely,



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Chair  
Manhattan Community Board 4



Maarten deKadt  
Co-chair  
Waterfront, Parks & Environment Committee



Leslie Boghosian Murphy  
Co-chair  
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Cc: Hon. Erik Bottcher, NYC Council Member  
Hon. Mark Levine, Manhattan Borough President