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Notice of Complete Application

Date: 12/26/2025

Applicant: BOARD OF MANAGERS OF 866 UNITED NATIONS PLAZA CONDOMINIUM
866 United Nations Plz Ste 442
New York, NY 10017

Facility: 866 UNITED NATIONS PLAZA
866 UN PLAZA
NEW YORK, NY 10017

Application ID: 2-6204-00133/00001

Permits(s) Applied for: 1 - Article 17 Titles 7 & 8 Industrial SPDES - Surface Discharge

Project is located: in NEW YORK COUNTY

Project Description:

The Department has prepared a draft SPDES permit and has made a tentative determination, subject to public comment or other information, to approve an existing discharge of up to 12.1 MGD of non-contact cooling water to the East River, a Class I waterbody, from the applicant's facility located at 866 United Nations Plaza in Manhattan.

To provide cooling to the commercial condominium building complex, the facility currently uses a cooling water system that withdraws water from the East River using a cooling water intake structure (CWIS) and is subject to the performance goals of 6 NYCRR 704.5. There are no additives or chemical fixing of the water used in the process and what is pumped in is pumped out in equal measure.

As a result of the EBPS full technical review, a new five-year term is proposed. Among other changes and requirements detailed within the draft SPDES permit and fact sheet, the following changes are proposed in the draft permit as compared to the currently effective permit:

- Updated permit format, definitions, and general conditions;
- Reduced Temperature limit from 95 ºF to 90 ºF; Reduced Total Residual Chlorine limit at Outfall 001 from 0.2 mg/L to 0.075 mg/L
- Added Monitor limit for Total Copper, Total Lead, and Total Zinc
- Added Biological Monitoring Requirements; Added Mercury Minimization Plan Type IV
- Updated Discharge Notification Requirements; Updated Site Schematic and specified influent and effluent sampling locations
- Added Schedule of Additional Submittals that includes Mercury Minimization Plan Annual Status Report and Mercury Conditional Exclusion Certification

The draft SPDES permit with fact sheet is available online at https://dec.ny.gov/fs/projects/draftpermits. The draft permit files are contained within regional folders and named by the SPDES number contained in this notice.

Requests for a legislative (public statement) hearing must be sent in writing to the DEC contact person below by the comment deadline. The Department assesses such requests pursuant to 6 NYCRR Section 621.8. Refer to

this application by the application number listed above and SPDES Number NY0201120.

Availability of Application Documents:
Filed application documents, and Department draft permits where applicable, are available for inspection during normal business hours at the address of the contact person. To ensure timely service at the time of inspection, it is recommended that an appointment be made with the contact person.

State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) Determination
Project is an Unlisted Action and will not have a significant impact on the environment. A Negative Declaration is on file. A coordinated review was not performed.

SEQR Lead Agency
None Designated

State Historic Preservation Act (SHPA) Determination
The proposed activity is not subject to review in accordance with SHPA. The application type is exempt and/or the project involves the continuation of an existing operational activity.

Coastal Management
This project is located in a Coastal Management area and is subject to the Waterfront Revitalization and Coastal Resources Act.

DEC Commissioner Policy 29, Environmental Justice and Permitting (CP-29)
It has been determined that the proposed action is not subject to CP-29.

Availability For Public Comment	*Contact Person*
Comments on this project must be submitted in writing to the Contact Person no later than 01/30/2026 or 30 days after the publication date of this notice, whichever is later.	CAITLYN P NICHOLS NYSDEC 47-40 21st St Long Island City, NY 11101-5401 (718) 482-4997

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