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Mr. Basil Seggos
Commissioner
New York State Department of Environmental Conservation
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Mr. Vincent Sapienza, P.E.
Commissioner
New York City Department of Environmental Protection
59-17 Junction Boulevard, 19th Floor
Flushing, NY 11373

Re: Environmental conditions surrounding 280 Richard Streets in Red Hook, Brooklyn

Dear Commissioner Seggos and Commissioner Sapienza:

I am writing to request that your respective offices conduct a soil test of the dirt mounds on the pier at 280 Richards Street and investigate the excessive flooding conditions in the area surrounding this site. My office has received numerous complaints about potentially toxic dust emanating from this empty lot filled with mounds of soil mixed with excavated materials.

My constituents have expressed concern about the dust and sediment that are regularly blown off the mounds by the wind. The dust gets into their homes; covering their vehicles, windows and terraces. Those who live in the area must keep their windows closed, even on warm days to keep out the sediment for fear of potential exposure to contaminants.

It has also been brought to my attention that Beard Street has a reoccurring flooding condition. Some area residents believe that the sediment from the mounds are clogging the street drainage infrastructure. I have attached for your reference photographs of dirt mounds and the excessive flooding caused by the drainage issue.

Commissioner Seggos and Commissioner Sapienza
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Area residents are very worried about these conditions and an expeditious resolution of these issues would give them peace of mind. My constituents and I look forward the results of your findings.

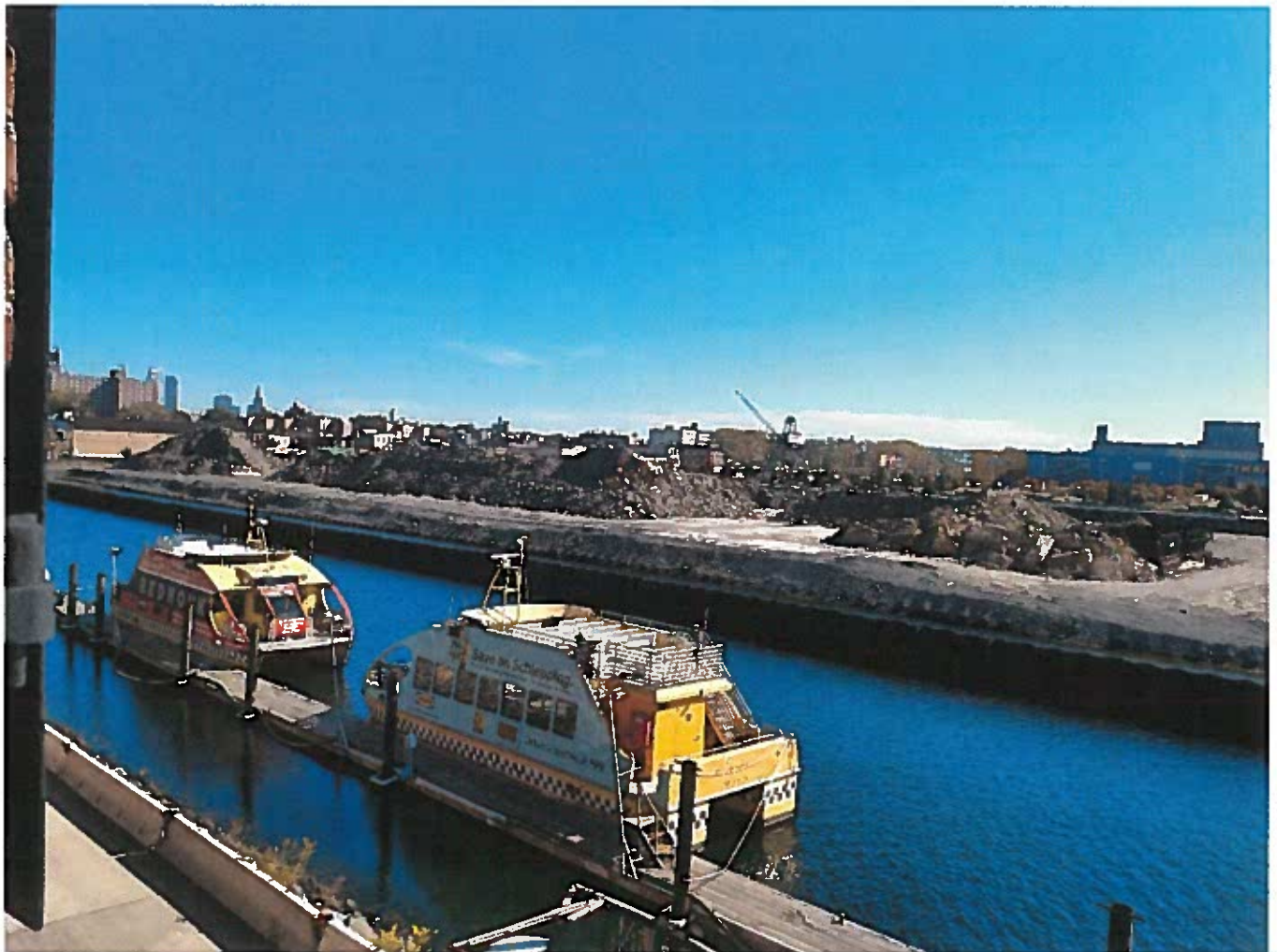
Sincerely,


Senator Velmanette Montgomery
25th Senate District

Enclosures

cc: City Council Member Carlos Menchaca
Brooklyn Community Board 6
Red Hook Civic Association

Photos of the dirt mounds.



Flooding Conditions on Beard Street.

