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MEMORANDUM

TO: Lisa Ramundo, Commissioner of Public Works

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FROM: Gopika Muddappa, Deputy Director, EDCAP

DATE: December 4, 2025

RE: Albany County Department of Public Works – Westerlo Subdivision – New Highway Garage Facility

SUBJECT: SEQR Compliance for DPW Projects – New Highway Garage Facility including demolition of existing structures and replaced with new infrastructure.

According to the information provided in the documentation for the referenced project, Department of Public Work (DPW) proposes a new Highway Garage Facility. The existing County DPW subdivision situated on a 3.17 acre parcel consists of a four (4) bay, 5,400 SF concrete block style heated highway maintenance equipment garage, a 5,300 SF three (3) sided pole barn style cold storage building, three (3) smaller lean-to cold storage type structures and a 8000 SF dome style wooden salt shed. The existing facility is a former shale quarry that has been owned by the County for over 50 years. The existing structures will be demolished and replaced with new infrastructure consisting of a 16,000 SF per-engineered metal structure equipped with drive-through truck bays for highway maintenance equipment, common areas with an office, break room, restrooms, and equipment storage. In addition to the new main highway facility, a new 5,400 SF cold storage structure is proposed to house seasonal highway maintenance equipment. A new 80'x100' salt shed consisting of a cast-in-place foundation with a fabric roof will be constructed at the site. The project will include site work, stormwater pollution control measures, and the incorporation of geothermal heating for the main facility.

Upon reviewing the information for the proposed project as it relates to State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR), the project meets the criteria established for SEQR Unlisted action pursuant to 6 NYCRR 617.5(c)(31). As per the Short Environmental Assessment Form (SEAF) provided, the project will seek permit/review from Albany County Health Department and Albany County Code Enforcement. The project will reuse the existing groundwater or a new groundwater well will be drilled. New onsite wastewater will be constructed on site and a raised bed septic system will be constructed. Onsite stormwater retention pond will be constructed in compliance with County and State stormwater management requirements.

Should you have any questions or require additional information, please feel free to reach me please feel free to reach me at Gopika.muddappa@albanycountyny.gov or (518)655-7932.