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Department of Environmental Conservation

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Nicole White Croton Hydrilla Control Project Manager New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, Albany

VIA EMAIL

Re: CROTON RIVER – HYDRILLA CONTROL DEC Permits #: 3-5599-00083/00003 Towns of Ossining and Cortlandt, Westchester County Extension of Natural Resource Permits

The Department reviewed your request received October 12, 2021 for extension of the freshwater wetland permit for incidental release of the pesticide fluridone to Freshwater Wetlands H-3 and H-4 associated with aquatic pesticide treatment of the Croton River for the control of the invasive species hydrilla. The permit was issued 6/29/2017 and expires 12/31/2021. You have requested extension of the permit to maximum term of 06/28/2027.

While the treatments have been successful in controlling hydrilla in the treatment are, there is still an extant population of hydrilla in Croton Reservoir, upstream of the treatment site. Continued treatment is necessary to prevent the spread of this invasive species into the Hudson River and beyond.

The permit expiration date is hereby modified to 06/28/2027 and Natural Resource Permit Condition # 2 modified to update the DEC contact, reflecting current staff (revised text bolded):

The Permittee shall notify the Department 3 to 5 days prior to the commencement of work on the project by emailing **Angela Schimizzi**, NYSDEC Division of Marine Resources, Region 3, at <u>angela.schimizzi@dec.ny.gov</u>. The email needs to include the permit number, permittee name and the project start date.

ALL OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS REMAIN AS WRITTEN IN THE ORIGINAL PERMIT. ATTACH THIS MODIFICATION TO THE FRONT OF THE PERMIT.

If you have any questions on the extent of work authorized or your obligations under the permit, please contact me at rebecca.crist@dec.ny.gov or the Division of Environmental Permits at the above address.

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Cc: Town of Cortlandt Supervisor Town of Ossining Supervisor Village of Croton on Hudson Mayor Catherine Ahlers, NYSDEC Pesticides Unit Resources, Region 3 Angela Schimizzi, NYSDEC Division of Marine Resources, Region 3 Sarah Pawliczak, NYSDEC Bureau of Ecosystem Health, Region 3



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