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Date: March 19, 2020
To: XXX
From: Brent Howard, PE
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Subject: Suspensions of Work Due to COVID-19

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Due to the recent Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) outbreak in the United States, the New York State Canal Corporation ("NYSCC") will implement New York State Department of Transportation Standard Specifications Section 104-05, Suspensions of Work Directed by the Engineer, and suspend work on all NYSCC construction projects. This temporary suspension of work will initially be for a two-week period, until April 2, 2020, at which time the NYSCC will reassess the situation and make further determinations.

By the end of work today, March 19, 2020, all major operations on construction sites shall be suspended. We recognize that minor work will be needed after this date to properly secure and protect the job sites. Crews shall be kept to a minimum size to perform the remaining work, and in no case should there be more than 10 people on a site at any given time, including project Construction Inspection Staff. Crews should follow all COVID-19 precautions as recommended by the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention and the New York State Health Department until the work to suspend the project is complete. Further guidance on the details of the suspension will be forthcoming through the NYSCC Project Engineer. Work on NYSCC projects shall not recommence until expressly directed by the NYSCC.

These measures are being implemented to help reduce the spread of COVID-19, and to protect the contractor and consultant staff working as our partners. During this time, we ask for your patience and understanding. The NYSCC takes the health and safety of our employees, vendors, consultants and contractors seriously.

If you have any further questions or concerns, or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at (518) 275-3098 or by email at brent.howard@canals.ny.gov.

Sincerely,

Brent Howard, PE
Director of Construction Management

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