

**Division of Water Responsiveness Summary**  
**Permit No. NY0267724, DEC # 2-6101-00107-00026**  
**ExxonMobil Oil Corporation**  
**ExxonMobil Greenpoint Petroleum Remediation Project**

**3/12/2025**

**Background**

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) issued a final State Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (SPDES) permit for ExxonMobil Oil Corporation on 3/12/2025. The final permit was developed as a permittee-initiated modification pursuant to 6 NYCRR Part 750 following the receipt of an NY-2C application form as outlined in the final fact sheet. The draft permit was publicly noticed in the *Environmental Notice Bulletin* on 11/6/2024, and in the New York Daily News on 11/11/2024. The public comment period closed on 12/11/2024.

Timely comments were received from:

Commenter	Affiliation	Name	Date
1	Riverkeeper and Newtown Creek Alliance	Mike Dulong & Willis Elkins	12/6/2024
2	Roux Environmental Engineering and Geology, D.P.C.	Courtney Lind, Justin Kennedy, P.E., & Andrew Baris, P.G.	12/11/2024
3	Interested Party	Judith Canepa	12/6/2024
4	Interested Party	Beck Wolfinger	12/6/2024
5	Interested Party	Kristina Bassi	12/6/2024
6	Interested Party	Katey Metzroth	12/6/2024
7	Bushwick Inlet Park	Katherine Conkling Thompson	12/6/2024
8	Interested Party	Baruch Blum	12/6/2024
9	Interested Party	JK Canepa	12/6/2024
10	Interested Party	Dana Waldman	12/6/2024
11	Interested Party	Allyson Stone	11/15/2024
12	Interested Party	Paul Samulski	11/18/2024
13	Interested Party	Paul Pullo	11/19/2024
14	Interested Party	Kendall Charter	11/19/2024
15	Long Island City Partnership	Laura Rothrock	11/27/2024
16	Interested Party	Neil Sheehan	12/1/2024
17	Interested Party	Larkin Griffin	12/6/2024

As required by 6 NYCRR 621.10(e), NYSDEC has prepared this responsiveness summary to address the comments related to the draft permit that were received during the public comment period. This responsiveness summary also identifies any conditions

in the final permit and final fact sheet that are different from the conditions in the draft permit and draft fact sheet and the reasons for the changes. The comments on the application, draft permit, and draft fact sheet, and NYSDEC's responses, have been organized to follow the format of the final permit. Frequently raised comments are summarized and presented as general comments in section B., below, and are not repeated as specific comments. The full text of all comments received as part of the public notice process are included in the appendix of this responsiveness summary. All comments on the draft permit and draft fact sheet are addressed below with commenter(s) referenced at the end of each comment.

### **A. Specific Comments**

**Comment 1:** Why does the permit allow for the removal of 'effluent and ambient turbidity monitoring'? (Commenter 1)

**Response 1:** No changes have been made in response to this comment. As stated in the Pollutant Summary Table of the SPDES fact sheet, the permit contains technology based effluent limits (TBELs) for total suspended solids (TSS) and settleable solids, which are more protective than turbidity monitoring of receiving water quality. Therefore, turbidity monitoring is redundant and will be removed from the permit.

**Comment 2:** Why does the permit allow for removed limits for total xylenes? (Commenter 1)

**Response 2:** As stated in the Pollutant Summary Table of the SPDES fact sheet, the existing total xylenes effluent limit will be replaced with more stringent effluent limits for ortho-, meta-, and para-xylenes, which will be more protective than effluent limits for total xylenes of receiving water quality. No changes have been made in response to this comment.

**Comment 3:** Will this modification have any impact on the investigation and mitigation of the Meeker Avenue plume? (Commenter 1)

**Response 3:** The SPDES and Long Island Well permit modifications will not impede any future site characterization or investigation associated with the Meeker Avenue plume or implementation of any future remedy once investigation of the site is complete.

**Comment 4:** Is there current stormwater treatment at 400 Kingsland Avenue (outfall 01A) and, if so, will that change? Please clarify. (Commenter 1)

**Response 4:** Outfall 001A is an internal outfall that discharges treated remediation wastewater prior to comingling its flow with stormwater, which is then discharged from outfall 001. There will be no change to how stormwater is treated and discharged through outfall 001 during construction. Once

construction is complete, outfall 001 and 001A will be removed from the permit. No changes have been made in response to this comment.

**Comment 5:** Outfall 002 is located at the end of Meeker Avenue along Newtown Creek. This location, as well as the upland recovery well maintained by ExxonMobil, is sited on city-owned land (under Department of Transportation jurisdiction). We would like to ensure that any changes to the remediation infrastructure and equipment does not inhibit public use of the land, as well as access to the Newtown Creek waterfront. Specifically, we urge NYSDEC to work with the applicant to reduce the size of its footprint at Meeker Avenue street-end for purposes of general safety and accessibility to public space. (Commentor 1)

**Response 5:** This comment references concerns regarding city-owned property, public use of land, and waterfront access that are beyond the scope of NYSDEC's jurisdiction for this permit action.

The permittee submitted a formal shutdown request to NYSDEC, dated August 12, 2024, to decommission former recovery well RW-G and its infrastructure, including the shed, located at the terminus of Meeker Avenue. The request was approved by NYSDEC on December 6, 2024. The decommissioning work is anticipated to occur in 2025.

**Comment 6:** According to the most recent maps on the NYSDEC website there is still significant footprint of the oil spill underneath the 400 Kingsland Avenue property. We are seeking clarification on how moving a treatment system from this location may impact the effectiveness of the treatment system and applicant's ability to properly recover product from areas designated as OU-4. (Commenter 1)

**Response 6:** Relocation of the groundwater treatment facility will not impact the effectiveness of the groundwater treatment, product recovery, or soil vapor extraction systems. Relocation and construction of the new groundwater treatment facility will retain the capacity and appropriate technology to treat the recovered groundwater. The existing recovery well network will continue to recover product and groundwater from the site, including the 400 Kingsland Avenue property, and maintain groundwater hydraulic control. The effectiveness of the systems has been and will continue to be reported on in Quarterly and Annual Progress Reports as well as Five-Year Recovery System Evaluation Reports for the EMGPRP.

**Comment 7:** It is our understanding that this modification will require the applicant to remove three mature trees within the existing facility at 38 Varick Street. There is very limited tree canopy in the surrounding Industrial business Zone which has significant impacts on air quality, extreme heat, habitat loss, and working conditions. We ask that DEC work with the applicant to ensure that there is appropriate mitigation for the loss of these local trees. (Commenter 1)

**Response 7:** This comment is beyond the scope of this permit action. In response to these comments, the permittee stated, "ExxonMobil is committed to

mitigating the removal of the trees necessary to construct the new groundwater treatment facility.”

**Comment 8:** Communication about this project to community members is vital. We appreciate the applicant’s multiple public meetings on the permit in 2024 (in accordance with NYSDEC Commissioner Policy 29, Environmental Justice and Permitting (CP-29)), and ask that the agency and applicant continue to engage the general public, via Brooklyn Community Board One, especially regarding construction planning and milestones. (Commenter 8)

**Response 8:** The Department agrees that communication about this project to community members is vital. The Department required the applicant to fulfill and comply with the requirements of New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Commissioner Policy 29, Environmental Justice and Permitting (CP-29) in order to help ensure meaningful and effective public participation throughout the NYSDEC environmental permit review process. As a result of this process, public comments were received, considered, and when appropriate incorporated into this project.

In response to this comment, ExxonMobil stated, “We will continue to keep Brooklyn Community Board One apprised of construction planning and milestones.”

**Comment 9:** Within the...draft SPDES permit, the proposed ‘Post-Construction’ ‘Sample Frequency’ is designated as ‘1/Week’. Roux requests that NYSDEC revise the sampling frequency to ‘4/Month’ with a note clarifying that sampling would be conducted ‘typically weekly’ in order to provide more flexibility for sampling logistics. In particular, more flexibility would be helpful to accommodate unplanned system shutdowns that may prevent sampling on a planned date. (Commenter 2)

**Response 9:** All parameters listed in the “Post-Construction” Permit Limits, Levels, and Monitoring table that were noted with a “1/week” sampling frequency will now have a sampling frequency of 4/month. The sampling schedule should be as close to 1/week as possible.

## **B. General Comments**

**Comment 1:** Remediation of the Greenpoint Oil Spill has been a critical goal for the Greenpoint Community since its discovery in 1978. We remain grateful for NYSDEC’s close oversight of the remediation project and seek assurance that this alteration of the groundwater recovery system will in no way reduce or risk the effectiveness of the remediation process. As you know, the oil spill lies underneath residential and commercial buildings and has directly impacted the health of Newtown Creek in previous years. The protection of human health and the local environment are essential, and we cannot accept any modification that may jeopardize the effectiveness of the long-term cleanup of the Greenpoint Oil Spill. (Commenter 1)

**Response 1:** The SPDES and Long Island Well permit modifications will not impact the effectiveness of the remediation. The Department also notes that the proposed changes and permitting action will not impede any site characterizations, investigations, or implementation of remedies that will be protective of human health and the environment in this area. NYSDEC has and will continue to ensure that all remediation sites, including "Registry Sites" and "Non-Registry Sites," are thoroughly investigated and remediated. See also responses above to Section A. Comment 3.

**Comment 2:** I urge you to carefully read through and consider all submitted comments, especially those communicated by Newtown Creek Alliance and Riverkeeper. (Commenters 3-10)

**Response 2:** See responses above to Commenter 1 (Newtown Creek Alliance and Riverkeeper).

**Comment 3:** I would like to register my support for ExxonMobil's application for modification of their SPDES permit, NY0267724. I am pleased with the progress that ExxonMobil has made in the remediation of the Greenpoint Spill and understand that continued groundwater treatment is an important part of that process. I support/endorse the approval of their SPDES application. (Commenters 11-17)

**Response 3:** Letters of support and all supportive comments have been noted. Such comments are beyond the scope of this permit action.

**Appendix  
Comments Received**

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Greetings-

Please find attached comments from Newtown Creek Alliance and Riverkeeper on SPDES Number: NY0267724

Thank you.

**Willis Elkins** (he/him)  
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December 4, 2024

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**Re: Comments on State Pollution Discharge Elimination System (SPDES) Permit for ExxonMobil Greenpoint Petroleum Remediation Project (EMGPRP)  
SPDES Number: NY0267724**

Dear Ms. Nichols:

We submit the following concerns and questions regarding SPDES Number NY0267724. Remediation of the Greenpoint Oil Spill has been a critical goal for the Greenpoint Community since its discovery in 1978. We remain grateful for NYSDEC's close oversight of the remediation project and seek assurance that this alteration of the groundwater recovery system will in no way reduce or risk the effectiveness of the remediation process. As you know the oil spill lies underneath residential and commercial buildings and has directly impacted the health of Newtown Creek in previous years. The protection of human health and the local environment are essential, and we cannot accept any modification that may jeopardize the effectiveness of the long term cleanup of the Greenpoint Oil Spill.

There are a handful of specifics in the permit, as well as general questions about this modification that we seek clarification on:

1. Why does the permit allow for the removal of "effluent and ambient turbidity monitoring"?
2. Why does the permit allow for removed limits for total xylenes?
3. Will this modification have any impact on the investigation and mitigation of the Meeker Avenue Plume?
4. Is there current stormwater treatment at 400 Kingsland Avenue (outfall 01A) and, if so, will that change? Please clarify.



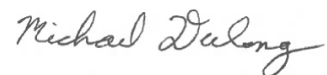
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6. According to the most recent maps on the [NYSDEC website](#) there is still significant footprint of the oil spill underneath the 400 Kingsland Avenue property. We are seeking clarification on how moving a treatment system from this location may impact the effectiveness of the treatment system and applicant's ability to properly recover product from areas designated as OU-4.
7. It is our understanding that this modification will require the applicant to remove three mature trees within the existing facility at 38 Varick Street. There is very limited tree canopy in the surrounding Industrial Business Zone which has significant impacts on air quality, extreme heat, habitat loss, and working conditions. We ask that DEC work with the applicant to ensure that there is appropriate mitigation for the loss of these local trees.
8. Communication about this project to community members is vital. We appreciate the applicant's multiple public meetings on the permit in 2024 (in accordance with NYSDEC Commissioner Policy 29, Environmental Justice and Permitting (CP-29)), and ask that the agency and applicant continue to engage the general public, via Brooklyn Community Board One, especially regarding construction planning and milestones.

The Newtown Creek Alliance (NCA) is a community-based organization dedicated to restoring, revealing, and revitalizing Newtown Creek. NCA works to restore community health, water quality, habitat, access, and vibrant commerce along Newtown Creek. Since 2002, the Alliance has served as a catalyst for effective community action. NCA has played an active role in advocating for thorough remediation of legacy pollution and appreciates NYSDEC's ongoing engagement on key local environmental issues like the Greenpoint Oil Spill, Superfund cleanup, and the numerous other upland remedial and state superfund sites that the agency oversees.

Riverkeeper protects and restores the Hudson River from source to sea and safeguards drinking water supplies, through advocacy rooted in community partnerships, science and law. Riverkeeper discovered the oil spill during a boat patrol of Newtown Creek in 2002, when it found the first evidence of seeping oil from the Exxon refinery site, and in 2004, it initiated the first citizen's suit case against Exxon for failure to clean up the spill. Riverkeeper thanks NYSDEC for its leadership throughout the past two decades to ensure the thorough remediation of the spill and protections for Newtown Creek.

We appreciate your consideration of these comments.

Sincerely,



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Steve Chesler, Chair Community Board 1 Environmental Committee

December 11, 2024

Caitlyn P. Nichols  
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Re: Draft SPDES Permit Comments  
Groundwater Treatment Facility Consolidation  
ExxonMobil Oil Corporation  
ExxonMobil Greenpoint Petroleum Remediation Project  
Greenpoint, Brooklyn, New York - SPDES Permit # NY0267724

Dear Ms. Nichols:

Roux Environmental Engineering and Geology, D.P.C. (Roux), on behalf of ExxonMobil Oil Corporation, has prepared this comment letter in response to the draft State Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (SPDES) Permit # NY0267724, dated October 30, 2024, provided by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) for the ExxonMobil Greenpoint Petroleum Remediation Project (EMGPRP).

Within the abovementioned draft SPDES permit, the proposed "Post-Construction" "Sample Frequency" is designated as "1/Week". Roux requests that NYSDEC revise the sampling frequency to "4/Month" with a note clarifying that sampling would be conducted "typically weekly" in order to provide more flexibility for sampling logistics. In particular, more flexibility would be helpful to accommodate unplanned system shutdowns that may prevent sampling on a planned date. For example, if sampling is scheduled for a Wednesday but then the system has an unplanned shutdown from Wednesday to Saturday, the sampling opportunity was missed but not as a result of no flow for the entire week.

Should you have any questions or comments relating to any part of this submission, please do not hesitate to reach out to us at your convenience.

Respectfully submitted,

**ROUX ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING AND GEOLOGY, D.P.C.**



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Re: Comments on State Pollution Discharge Elimination System (SPDES) Permit for ExxonMobil Greenpoint Petroleum Remediation Project (EMGPRP) SPDES Number: NY0267724

Dear Ms. Nichols:

Asking that you and your team pay special and thorough attention to the comments about the EMGPRP by our great allies at the Newtown Creek Alliance, a group with decades of experience with the remediation of the Creek (work conducted by NCA and by other entities involved, including the polluters and the governmental bodies), as well as the comments of the esteemed advocacy group Riverkeeper.

This cleanup must be conducted and overseen with diligence and a high level of expertise.

Our community, both on land and in water, can be at serious risk if proper precaution is not taken. Please carefully read through all the comments, especially those communicated by Newtown Creek Alliance & River Keeper. Do not just say you will, but please DO the due diligence. Our lives and futures depend on it.

Thank you.

Judith K Canepa

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Dear Ms. Nichols:

As a long time resident of greenpoint and a concerned neighbor, friend, and steward of our neighborhood, im writing you to ask for your serious consideration of the comments submitted for the permits filed for the EMGPRP. Our community, both on land and in water, can be at serious risk if proper precaution is not taken. Please carefully read through all the comments, especially those communicated by Newtown Creek Alliance & River Keeper. The future of our neighborhood, community and health depends on it.

Best,  
Katey metzroth  
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Dear Ms. Nichols:

I have been living within a mile of the Greenpoint Oil Spill since 1987. I have fought alongside community activists to hold ExxonMobil accountable for the largest oil spill on the Eastern seaboard which sits below ground under our neighborhoods.

I am writing because I am concerned about ExxonMobil's proposed permit modification to its Greenpoint Oil Spill discharge system about the potential of serious risks if proper precautions are not taken.

I urge you to carefully read through all the comments, especially those communicated by Newtown Creek Alliance & River Keeper. This is super important for the future of our community and our children.

Many thanks,  
Katherine

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Dear Ms. Nichols,

As a resident of Williamsburg and a Board Member of the North Brooklyn Chamber, I would like to register my support for ExxonMobil's application for modification of their SPDES permit, NY 0267724.

I am pleased to see the progress that has been made in the remediation of the Greenpoint spill and understand that continued groundwater treatment is an important part of that process. Therefore, I strongly support the approval of their SPDES application.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions. Have a great weekend!

Thank you,



**Allyson Stone**  
Founder & President  
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**From:** [paul samulski](#)  
**To:** [dec.sm.Comment.R2DEP](#)  
**Cc:** [Elaine Brodsky](#)  
**Subject:** Exxon Mobil's SPDEC Permit Mod Application  
**Date:** Monday, November 18, 2024 10:46:17 AM

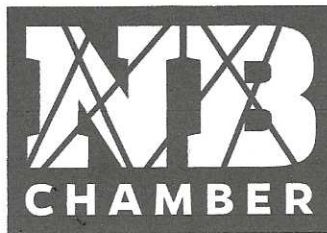
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Good morning Ms. Nichols.  
Please see attached.

Thanks very much.  
paul samulski  
President, North Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce



November 17, 2024

NYSDEC  
47-40 21st Street  
Long Island City  
New York 11101-5401  
Attn: Caitlyn P Nichols

Dear Ms. Nichols.

On behalf of the North Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce, we would like to officially register our strong support for ExxonMobil's application for modification of their State Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (SPDES) permit, NY 0267724. Being a local business organization representing the communities of Bushwick, Greenpoint and Williamsburg, we're very pleased to see the progress that has been made in the remediation of the Greenpoint spill and we fully understand that continued groundwater treatment is an important part of that process. Therefore, we strongly support the approval of their SPDES application.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Paul Samulski', with a stylized, looping flourish at the end.

**Paul Samulski**

President

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**Elaine Brodsky**

Chair

**From:** [Paul J. Pullo](#)  
**To:** [dec.sm.Comment.R2DEP](#)  
**Subject:** SPDES # NY 0267724 Exxon Mobil  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 19, 2024 8:55:50 AM

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*Dear Ms. Nichols,*

*My name is Paul Pullo, Board Chair of the Greenpoint YMCA ,and a local property and business owner.*

*I would like to submit my support for ExxonMobil's application for modification of their SPDES permit, NY 0267724.*

*I am pleased with the progress Exxon has made in the remediation of the Greenpoint spill and understand that continued groundwater treatment is an important part of that process. Also since no additional discharges will occur because of the change, I strongly support the approval of their SPDES application*

*Thank you,*

*Paul Pullo*

*917.560.7680*



**From:** [Kendall Charter](#)  
**To:** [dec.sm.Comment.R2DEP](#)  
**Subject:** ExxonMobil Greenpoint Petroleum Remediation Project- SPDES Permit Modification  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 19, 2024 9:10:26 AM  
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Yours In Service  
Respectfully,

**Kendall Charter**  
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**From:** [Laura Rothrock](#)  
**To:** [dec.sm.Comment.R2DEP](#)  
**Cc:** [Henry Smith](#)  
**Subject:** SPDES Permit Application  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 27, 2024 3:25:05 PM  
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Dear Ms. Nicholas:

Please find a letter in support of application number NY 0267724 attached.

Best regards,

Laura Rothrock

Laura Rothrock

President



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November 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Caitlyn P Nichols  
Department of Environmental Permits  
New York State Department of Environmental Conservation  
47-40 21<sup>st</sup> Street  
Long Island City, NY 11101-5401  
(718) 482-4997

Dear Mrs. Nichols:

The Long Island City Partnership (LICP) supports ExxonMobil's State Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit modification application number NY 0267724. ExxonMobil has adequately displayed that their plan to consolidate the ExxonMobil Greenpoint Petroleum Remediation Project at 38 Varick Street will have the capabilities for them to continue their commitment to remediate Newtown Creek and the air surrounding it.

Founded in 1979, LICP is the Economic Development organization for LIC and our mission is to advocate for economic development that benefits LIC's industrial, commercial, cultural, and residential sectors. The goal is to attract new businesses to LIC, retain those already here, welcome new residents and visitors, and promote a vibrant and authentic mixed-use community. LICP operates the LIC Business Improvement District (BID) and the Industrial Business Zone (IBZ).

The Long Island City BID will be expanding its borders in 2025 to include a portion of the Industrial Business Zone east of Sunnyside Yards that borders Newtown Creek. The BID will bring supplemental sanitation services and advocacy for the stakeholders within this area. Our services will include trash removal which will decrease the litter, debris, and other items that continue to fall into Newtown Creek.

The Long Island City Partnership additionally is the Industrial Business Service Provider (IBSP) for the Western Queens IBZ which extends further down Newtown Creek until Greenpoint Avenue. Through this program LICP assists businesses with access to financing, finding real estate, navigating incentives, cutting red tape, neighborhood improvements, and more. LICP has been continuously updating stakeholders adjacent to Newtown Creek on the remediation.

The improved health of Newtown Creek will directly impact the neighborhood's growth and support the businesses within it. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Laura Rothrock". The signature is written in a dark ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Laura Rothrock  
President

**From:** [Neil Sheehan](#)  
**To:** [dec.sm.Comment.R2DEP](#)  
**Subject:** Comments on SPDES. Permit application NY 0267724  
**Date:** Sunday, December 1, 2024 8:25:56 AM

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I am a life long Greenpoint resident who has been following the permit process for this consolidation of two Exxon locations into one  
I want support its approval  
I have both reviewed the submission and attended the public presentations and question and answer sessions .  
There appears to be no real resistance to the safety measures proposed in this application and I believe when successfully completed will then create a potential land asset that the community and Exxon will then want to explore possible development ideas for  
.Since the future land use seems irrelevant to the evaluation of the merits of the proposed permit I endorse the approval of the permit at this time .

Neil Sheehan  
103 Noble Street Brooklyn New York

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**From:** [Larkin Griffin](#)  
**To:** [dec.sm.Comment.R2DEP](#)  
**Subject:** ExxonMobile Permit  
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I support ExxonMobils SPDES application.

Larkin Griffin  
Shacksbury Sales Manager