



PUBLIC ADVISORY

Discharge of Water into the Harlem River Fall 2013 – Spring 2014

Beginning in the fall of 2013 and continuing for approximately six months, the New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) will be releasing water into the Harlem River as part of startup and testing of the City's new Croton Water Filtration Plant in the Bronx.

WHY IS THIS NECESSARY?

Before treated water from the Croton Water Filtration Plant is allowed to enter the City's drinking water supply system, testing of the treatment process must be conducted to ensure that the final water meets all Federal and New York State standards. As part of this testing process, water from the Croton Reservoir System will be treated at the new Croton Water Filtration Plant, tested, and then discharged through an existing aqueduct into the Harlem River just north of the Alexander Hamilton Bridge and south of the George Washington Bridge in Upper Manhattan. DEP is working under a permit from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation that allows this discharge.

WHAT CAN YOU EXPECT TO SEE?

Boaters, fishermen and recreational waterfront visitors in the vicinity can expect to see water flowing from the outfall. For optimum safety, boats should avoid the immediate area around the outfall.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Contact the DEP's Community Hotline at (718) 231-8470 OR Call 311

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