

COUNTY OF SUFFOLK



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Andrea Poole
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Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street SW
Washington, DC 20423
Via Electronic Submission at <https://stb.gov>

Re: Docket No. FD 36575
Townline Rail Terminal, LLC – Hamlet of Kings Park, Town of Smithtown, Suffolk County, NY
Construction and Operation Exemption; Preliminary Consultation
SCTM # 0800 – 023 – 02 – 5, 6.1, 7.1, 8, 9.1, 11.2, 12, 13.1, 13.2, 13.3, 13.4, etc.

Dear Andrea Poole,

The Suffolk County Department of Health Services Division of Environmental Quality (SCDHS; "Department"; "Division") has received the letter dated June 22, 2022 concerning the above referenced proposal. The Division has not received an application for this above referenced proposal.

Please note that this response is based upon the limited information provided and is subject to change once additional information becomes available. Based upon our review, the Division offers the following preliminary comments. However, the Division wishes to reserve its right to provide more detailed information within the comment period(s) established for this action. These comments should not be construed as an implicit SCDHS approval or rejection of the project. All applications are reviewed thoroughly with respect to Suffolk County Sanitary Code concerns by appropriate departmental personnel when SCDHS applications are submitted.

1. The Office of Water Resources (OWR) has noted that there are potential non-community and private



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supply wells downgradient of the project area, and the project site is also in the 25-50 year groundwater contributing area to Smithtown Bay. Any potential impacts to groundwater and downgradient non-community and private supply wells will need to be evaluated. When there is more information available, the Office of Water Resources can meet with the lead agency and/or applicant to discuss further.

2. Permits and/or project-specific reviews that may be required from the Division include, but are not limited to:
 - a. The Office of Pollution Control (OPC) reviews projects for any sanitary code requirements for either storage of hazardous waste (depending on nature of waste received) or petroleum bulk storage. A Permit to Operate may be required depending on the nature of materials handled and stored. When there is more information available, the Office of Pollution Control can meet with the lead agency and/or applicant to discuss further. It should be noted that this project site is in an Article 7 restricted area and storage of any toxic or hazardous materials, as defined in Article 7 of the Suffolk County Sanitary Code, is severely restricted.
 - b. The Office of Wastewater Management (OWM) reviews projects and requires permits for the construction of onsite sewage disposal systems and certain sewage treatment plants. A permit to construct an onsite sewage disposal system will be required if one is proposed.
 - c. The Office of Ecology (OE) conducts administrative and management activities, and provides expanded technical commentary as required by New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) and County mandates. Detailed technical comments are provided for major private and municipal development proposals, as well as for state and municipal planning studies (master plans, open space, Pine Barrens, etc.). This office coordinates with other Division offices (e.g., OWR, OPC, OWM) to complete these reviews.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Office of Ecology at 631-852-5750.

Sincerely,



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