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**RE: City Council Reporting Requirements Pursuant to Local Law 48 of 2015  
Correction to March 6, 2018 Submittal (Table 4)**

Dear Mayor de Blasio and Speaker Johnson:

This letter is a correction of the letter submitted March 6, 2018 and is submitted pursuant to the requirements of Local Law 48 of 2015 (LL48/15). LL48/15 is an amendment to Section 24-503(f) of the Administrative Code of the City of New York, which requires all 150,000 catch basins within the New York City Department of Environmental Protection's (DEP) jurisdiction to be inspected annually and catch basins to be unclogged or repaired within nine days of inspection or receipt of a complaint about a clogged or malfunctioning catch basin. The requirements of 24-503(f) are effective for a three year period beginning July 1, 2016 and ending June 30, 2019.

Prior to LL48/15, DEP inspected catch basins on a three-year programmatic cycle. This new law has required DEP to acquire additional resources and staff in order to accelerate to an annual inspection cycle. In addition to DEP's programmatic catch basin inspection program, DEP also responds to complaints of clogged and/or malfunctioning basins received through the City's 311 system and performs cleanings and repairs as needed.

The intent of this letter is to provide specific information required by Section 24-503(f) that states, "The commissioner of environmental protection shall submit semiannual reports to the mayor and the speaker of the council regarding the inspection, maintenance and repair of catch basins within the jurisdiction of the commissioner, disaggregated by community district. This [third semiannual] report covers the period from July 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017. Such reports shall include the number of catch basins inspected, the number of clogged or malfunctioning catch basins identified, the number of catch basins unclogged or repaired, whether the inspection was in response to a complaint, and the response time for resolution of any complaint. Catch basins not unclogged or repaired within nine days after an inspection or the receipt of a complaint shall be identified in the semiannual report."

During internal data review, it was determined that the information for Community Boards 401, 402 and 403 were incorrectly reported in Table 4 for catch basins repaired after nine days. The citywide number did not change. The following table summarizes DEP's compliance per LL48/15 during the period from July 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017:

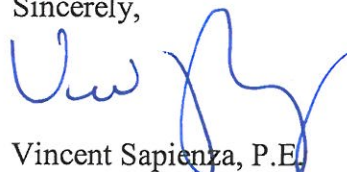
7/01/2017 – 12/31/2017	<b>Programmatic Inspections</b>	<b>Complaint- Driven Inspections</b>	<b>Total Number of Inspections</b>
Number of Catch Basins (CB) Inspected	56,589	3,828	60,417
Number CB Identified as Non-Functioning	1,894	999	2,893
Number of Non-Functioning CB Repaired	1,768	967	2,735
Number CB Repaired after the Nine Day Target	376	139	515

DEP's average response time for resolution of catch basin complaints was 4.50 days. For this reporting period, out of 60,417 catch basins inspected, there are a total of 158 nonfunctional basins that are currently open (backlog). Out of the 158 in backlog, 34 are due to inaccessible catch basins (car on top of basin, street construction, etc.), and 26 require capital repair. The remaining 98 are still open for various reasons and are being further investigated. Please see the attached report which disaggregates these numbers by community district.

As a follow-up to the last report dated September 14, 2017, please note that 89 of the then 138 open non-functional catch basins needing repair have been completed. Twenty one (21), work orders still remain open due to accessibility issues.

While 50% of all catch basins were not inspected during the first half of FY18, DEP is fully confident that we will meet the 100% inspection target by June 30, 2018, as we have taken steps to increase the rate of inspections. If you have any questions or comments concerning any of the information provided in this semi-annual report, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



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