



**EMPIRE STATE DEVELOPMENT
STATUS BRIEFING MEMORANDUM**

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CC: Anita Laremont

DATE: December 8, 2006

SUBJECT: Atlantic Yards Arena Land Use Improvement and Civic Project

Background/Status: Nine letters were sent to the Corporation following certification and issuance of the Atlantic Yards Arena Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) on November 27, 2006.

ESDC staff and consultants have reviewed in detail the comments submitted on the FEIS received up until today. These comments generally addressed issues related to process, the adequacy of the FEIS responses to comments and whether there was an appropriate level of analysis for technical areas such as traffic, transit, security/terrorism, urban design, open space, socioeconomics, blight, wind and shadows. After careful consideration of these comments, we have determined that no new issues have been raised and there is no need for any additional analysis in light of the information and conclusions in the FEIS.

Attachments: The nine letters submitted to the Corporation are attached.