

Fact Sheet

LGA Airport – SPDES Permit Renewal

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- **Project:** SPDES Permit Renewal Application
- **Applicant:** The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey
- **Facility:** LaGuardia Airport
- **SPDES Number:** NY-0008133
- **NYSDEC Number:** 2-6301-00106/00023
- **A Public Participation Plan (PPP) has been developed in accordance with NYSDEC Commissioner Policy 29, Environmental Justice and Permitting (CP-29)**

What is the Proposed Project?

The Proposed Project is the renewal of the State Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (SPDES) Permit at LaGuardia (LGA) Airport. The purpose of the SPDES Program is to protect public and environmental health by minimizing pollution from industrial operations to the waters of the State. To implement the proposed project, the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey (PANYNJ) has submitted a renewal SPDES application to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC). The purpose of this fact sheet is to inform the public about the proposed project and to involve the community during the NYSDEC permit application review process.

Why does the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey need to apply for a SPDES Permit renewal?

LGA Airport is required to maintain a SPDES Permit due to the industrial activities performed on site. NY SPDES Permit No. 0008133 is currently in the process of renewal. The PANYNJ has submitted an application to the NYSDEC for a new SPDES Permit. The primary discharges from LGA Airport are stormwater runoff from paved surfaces such as roadways, parking areas, aircraft taxiways, and runways, as well as from building roof drains. Generally, stormwater runoff ultimately discharges into Bowery Bay and Flushing Bay, which are public waters of the State.

How might the project affect the surrounding community?

The PANYNJ will continue their commitment to protecting public and environmental health by implementing a comprehensive SPDES Program under the new permit. The surrounding community is not expected to be adversely impacted by the SPDES Program at LGA. Under the SPDES Program, the PANYNJ will prepare and implement a plan to minimize the potential release of pollutants to Bowery Bay and Flushing Bay. Additionally, the PANYNJ will conduct periodic environmental monitoring to confirm the absence of pollutants in stormwater runoff that discharges to the Bowery Bay and Flushing Bay.

There are no proposed construction activities associated with this project. Additionally, the SPDES Program will not impact the public water supply in the area.

How can I participate in the permit review process?

- Attend the upcoming virtual public meeting scheduled for December 5, 2024 at 6 PM to learn about the project, ask questions and/or express concerns about the project.
- Ask questions, express concerns, provide input or submit by comments in writing, by phone or

email to the project contact person identified below.

Where can I get more information about the proposed project?

- Visit the online document repository at: <https://www.panynj.gov/airports/en/index.html#regulatorydocs> to obtain application materials, relevant documents, and information about the project.
- Contact Angela Altieri by phone at: 929-666-5356 by email at: aaltieri@panynj.gov] or in writing at: LaGuardia Airport, Hangar 7C, 5 Marine Terminal Road, Flushing, New York 11371 for information on the project, instructions on how to attend the upcoming virtual public meeting, or to find out about the status of the permit application and public comment period.

Who is responsible for reviewing the Permit Application?

NYSDEC Region 2 Headquarters, 47-40 21st St., Long Island City, NY 11101, is responsible for reviewing and issuing the required permits. Tel: (718) 482-4997; email: DEP.R2@dec.ny.gov