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Assemblyman Jeffrey Dinowitz
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Dear Assemblyman Dinowitz,

The New York City Department of Investigation (DOI) is in receipt of your letter of September 20, 2007 and attachments. I have read your materials carefully as have other relevant members of DOI who met with you on August 14, 2007. Thank you for sending us these materials, although they contain no information that we did not already have. As you know, the Croton Water Treatment Plant is the result of a Federal Consent Decree and has been one of the most scrutinized and litigated projects in recent City history. The Project has been the subject of multiple public hearings and debate; approved by both the City Council and the New York State Legislature; and has been the subject of both State and Federal Court proceedings too numerous to list. Much of the information you provided has been the subject of these various hearings, debates and court rulings.

At our August meeting, you indicated that you could not "prove that anyone stole money" in connection with the project, and that you were not in possession of any "evidence" of wrong doing. As we indicated to you at our meeting in August, this Department would be interested in any specific credible information of wrong doing that you may acquire. At the August 2007 meeting, you did say that you would send follow up materials to DEP Inspector General Michael Carroll about the Croton Project, particularly further information about a March 2003 meeting of Bronx political leaders that you briefly told us about. I have spoken with Inspector General Carroll today and he has not received any follow up from you.

The Croton Project is currently being monitored proactively on a full-time basis by Stier Anderson, and the Project is a high priority for our Department of Environmental Protection Inspector General.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "W. Arsenault", written over a horizontal line.

Walter M. Arsenault
First Deputy Commissioner