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PRESS RELEASE

On April 7, 2011 at 2:00 pm at 37-98 Railroad Avenue, Community Board 2 will unite with local Elected Officials, community leaders, residents and businesses to request that the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation rescind the license issued to The Green Asphalt Company, LLC until a proper Environmental Impact Statement is produced.

Furthermore, the community is requesting that New York State Department of Environmental Conservation should be required to formally contact and notify Elected Officials, and the community in a formal process and not just by an ordinary letter in the mail. No one in the community received notification of this licensing. This is a so-called Green Asphalt Plant, where is the Green Technology? This Green Asphalt Plant will have a negative impact on the community. The New York City Department of Transportation is conducting a nearby truck By-Pass Project and was unaware of the plans for this Plant. The DOT recently completed the study.

The Green Asphalt Co., LLC will be producing a hot mix of asphalt for local paving projects. The plant will produce from 75,000 to 150,000 tons of asphalt per year and will create additional truck traffic through the community causing congestion and pollution while entering and exiting the facility compounding an already expanding Waste Transfer Station. The Plant will be operating large diesel engines which may release harmful particles into the air.

As Joseph Conley, Chairman of Community Board 2, stated, "State and City agencies must work and communicate together no matter how big or how small a project is. There was no proper notification given to our elected officials, residents, businesses and the surrounding community."

New York State Senator Michael Gianaris, Assemblywoman Catherine Nolan, Council Member Jimmy Van Bramer will be joining Community Board 2 on April 7, 2011 at 2:00 pm at 37-98 Railroad Avenue.

For more information, contact Community Board 2 at (718) 533-8773.

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