July 11, 2013

Ms. Margaret C. McSorley
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Dear Ms. McSorley:

DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (DEIS)
SUNY UNIVERSITY OF BUFFALO SCHOOL OF MEDICINE AND BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES
CITY OF BUFFALO, ERIE COUNTY

The Draft Environmental Impact Study (DEIS) for the proposed move of the SUNY UB School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences to the Buffalo Niagara Medical Campus in the City of Buffalo has been reviewed. We offer the following comment: Comment 1A

The DEIS was very concise and complete. It seemed to cover any possible concern that could be raised such as the traffic and parking issues. This office is very interested in the progress of this proposal as well as the continued development of the Buffalo Niagara Medical Complex.

If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to contact me or Ms. Lynne Judd of my staff at 716/851-7165.

Sincerely,

David S. Denk
Regional Permit Administrator

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Peggy McSorley:

I received a copy of the referenced DEIS recently, with a note from edr companies that it had been misdirected, arrived at nearly the deadline. I did review the DES, primarily the transportation section, and discussed with the edr representative. They asked that I also send comment per the letter of transmittal.

My comment was that we at the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) will be initiating a comprehensive transportation study for the entire Medical Campus, surrounding areas, and the north end of the Buffalo CBD. Partners in the study will include City of Buffalo, New York State Department of Transportation, and BNMC. This study will incorporate the information and recommendations currently in the UB School of Medicine and Biomedical Services DEIS, and offer more areawide analyses and potential improvement recommendations.

Thanks for sending the DEIS for comment, as indicated we will incorporate it in the larger study soon underway.

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