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Ms. Joella Viscusi, President
Ambient Environmental, Inc.
12 Colvin Avenue
Albany, NY 12206

Re: DBE CERTIFICATION NOTICE

Dear Ms. Viscusi:

The New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT), a Certifying Partner in the New York State Unified Certification Program (NYSUCP), is pleased to inform you that your firm meets the eligibility criteria established by the U.S. Department of Transportation Disadvantaged Business Enterprises regulation, codified at 49 CFR, Part 26, and has been **CERTIFIED** as a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) with the NYSUCP. Your firm is certified to provide the services listed below:

Area of Service: Environmental & Sanitation Consulting Services

NAICS:

541620 Environmental Consulting Services

NYSDOT Codes:

080B Air Quality
080E Noise
080H Hazardous Waste/Asbestos/Lead

Your firm is eligible to participate as a DBE on NYSDOT, Metropolitan Transportation Authority, Port Authority of New York and New Jersey and Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority federally assisted projects in the identified service areas.

Your firm's certification status with the NYSUCP will remain effective for as long as your firm continues to meet all DBE certification eligibility requirements and the ownership and control of the firm, upon which DBE certification was granted, has not changed. However, you are required to submit, annually, on the anniversary date of this notice, a sworn affidavit affirming that there have been no changes in your firm's economic disadvantaged status,

ownership or control. In the event that there are changes, please be advised that you are required to notify the NYSDOT, within 30 days, of any changes in your business' ownership, control and/or operations including address, telephone number, business services and capabilities. Failure to adhere to these requirements may result in the removal of DBE certification.

Your firm will be included in the NYSUCP Directory (<http://biznet.nysucp.net>) which will indicate the type of work that your firm has been certified to perform.

Please note that any of the Certifying Partners of the NYSUCP reserves the right to review your firm's certification eligibility prior to your firm's participation on a federally assisted project for their agency or at any time that it is determined that such reevaluation is warranted.

As a newly certified DBE highway and bridge construction contractor, you are eligible to receive a free one-year subscription to Bid Express (Bid-X). Bid-X is a Web-based subscription service that provides for the electronic submission of contract bids by contractors for NYSDOT contracts. To learn more about the features and benefits of Bid-X, please contact NYSDOT Office of Civil Rights at OCR-SBN@dot.state.ny.us.

Furthermore, as a newly certified DBE you should be aware that the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) can guarantee bonds for contracts up to \$2 million, covering bid, performance and payment bonds for small and emerging contractors who cannot obtain surety bonds through regular commercial channels. To learn more about the Surety Bond Guarantee Program, please call 800-U-ASK-SBA (800-827-5722) or visit <http://www.sba.gov/index.html>.

We are pleased to have you as a participant in the NYSUCP and wish you much success.

Should you have any questions, please email Lory.Smitka@dot.ny.gov, or call (518) 457-3180.

Sincerely,

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