

## Temporary Modification to the Drought Entry Criteria under the Flexible Flow Management Program

In order to best account for the current hydrological state of the Delaware basin and prevent the adverse impacts associated with entry and then rapidly exiting a Delaware Basin Drought Watch, one half of the snow-water-equivalent (SWE) shall be added to the actual combined storage in the NYC Delaware Basin reservoirs in determining when storage conditions enter zone L3 (equivalent to the DRBC Drought Watch line). This modified calculation will be in effect for the period beginning March 13, 2015 and ending April 15, 2015:

The drought entry criteria in Section 5.e of the FFMP shall temporarily be modified to include fifty (50) percent of the SWE in the watersheds above the three New York City Reservoirs in the determination of combined and individual reservoir usable storage in relation to Figures 1 and 2. The City will periodically verify and adjust the quantity of SWE using data from the National Weather Service's National Operational Hydrologic Remote Sensing Center and from snow pack surveys performed by DEP staff.

### Approvals

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City of New York      Date

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State of Delaware      Date

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State of New Jersey      Date

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Commonwealth of Pennsylvania      Date