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Subject: Con Edison Notice - Trailers on E 75 St

In response to a change the city made in the water system, Con Edison will put eight water purification trailers on the south side of East 75th Street between York Avenue and the FDR Drive adjacent to the steam generating plant to filter minerals out of the plant's water supply. The trailers may begin to arrive as early as tomorrow (Friday, Oct. 24, 2008).

The purification equipment is needed because the city recently switched to supplying the area's water from the Croton reservoir system, which has a higher mineral content than the Catskill system that previously supplied it. If the minerals are not removed, they precipitate out when the water is boiled to make steam and accumulate as a residue that causes maintenance problems in the plant.

The trailers, which operate quietly, will occupy the parking lane and part of the traffic lane on the south side of the street but at least two lanes will remain open to vehicular traffic to provide access to the block. The full width of the roadway will be open at the east end of the block to allow vehicles, including school buses and delivery trucks, turn around. Parking on the block will be suspended.

The trailers will remain until the city switches back to the Catskill system or a permanent water purification system, currently under construction inside the plant, is completed. The plant's permanent system is scheduled for completion within about a year.

The trailers will be replaced periodically as their filters are spent.