Chapter 15: Public Health

Public health is the effort of society to protect and improve the health and well-being of its population. The 2012 *CEQR Technical Manual* defines as its goal with respect to public health "to determine whether adverse impacts on public health may occur as a result of a proposed project, and if so, to identify measures to mitigate such effects."

According to the *CEQR Technical Manual*, for most proposed projects, a public health analysis is not necessary. Where no significant unmitigated adverse impact is found in other CEQR analysis areas, such as air quality, water quality, hazardous materials, or noise, no public health analysis is warranted. If an unmitigated significant adverse impact is identified in one of these analysis areas, the lead agency may determine that a public health assessment is warranted for that specific technical area.

As described in the relevant analyses of this EIS, the proposed actions would not result in unmitigated significant adverse impacts in any of the technical areas related to public health. Therefore, a public health analysis is not necessary, and the proposed actions would not result in a significant adverse public health impact. ✷