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70 WEST 36 STREET
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Subject: 17 BATTERY PLACE, MANHATTAN

Dear Sir/ Madam:

The New York City Department of Environmental Protection in cooperation with the New York State Department of Labor and the United States Environmental Protection Agency has continued inspections/surveys of buildings in the vicinity of the World Trade Center.

During the recent inspections/surveys, visible debris from the collapse of the Towers was observed on the roof, setbacks, and/or facades of the above referenced building. In accordance with previously issued guidelines, copies of which are enclosed, these accumulations must be assessed by a NYC DEP certified investigator to determine whether the material is asbestos-containing material and then cleaned up appropriately.

Building owners are responsible for the cleaning of building exteriors, grounds, and common area. Due to changing conditions and continued activity at Ground Zero, building owners should periodically assess the condition of building exteriors and air conditioning systems for cleanliness and may have to periodically re-clean areas. Adherence to proper cleaning methods is important for the protection of public health and the environment.

If you have any questions, you may reach the Department at (718) 595-3682 during office hours or the 24-hour Help Center at (718) DEP-HELP.

Sincerely,

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