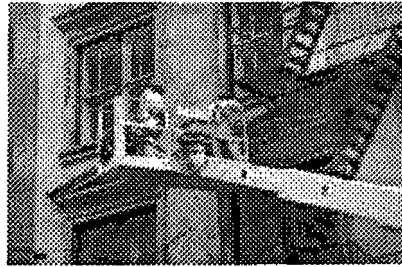


REMAINING EXTERIOR RESIDENTIAL CLEANUP WORK UNDERWAY

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(June 17, 2002) The cleanup of residual dust and debris from building rooftops, facades and canopies is under way. The work, being done by New York City Department of Environmental Protection (NYCDEP) contractors, follows a visual survey of approximately ~~400~~ buildings surrounding the World Trade Center (WTC) site. Of these, some 250 were found to have residual dust and debris needing removal. The owners of 20 percent of these buildings agreed to do the cleaning themselves, leaving about 200 buildings for the city to clean. The work is being done to prevent resuspension of WTC dust in the air.

Fact Sheet

SIGN UP NOW FOR CLEANUP AND/OR TESTING

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(June 3, 2002) Lower Manhattan residents can request cleaning and/or testing of their homes from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) by logging on to the Agency's World Trade Center Web page or by calling the EPA toll-free hotline at **1-877-796-5471 (TTY for the deaf and hard of hearing: 1-800-396-1018)**. EPA and its federal, state and city partners are collaborating in this unprecedented effort to provide assurances that people are not being exposed to pollutants related to the World Trade Center collapse at levels that might pose long term health risks.

Sign up for cleaning and testing

Cleanup fact sheet

Frequently asked questions

Sign up for WTC Email Notification Service

EPA SHIFTS FOCUS TO INDOOR AIR

With the recovery efforts at Ground Zero and the Staten Island landfill drawing to an end, EPA has stopped its sampling of pollutants associated with the World Trade Center fires. The Agency will continue to monitor for asbestos related to the debris handling in lower Manhattan and at the Fresh Kills landfill for a week after the recovery work officially ends.

Outdoor sampling has generally shown no presence or very low levels of pollutants in recent months. The fires have been out for months, recovery activities are almost completed, the barge operation is shut down and our sampling generally shows that air quality in lower Manhattan is back to normal levels experienced prior to September 11.

EPA is now focused on its comprehensive plan to ensure that apartments impacted by the collapse of the World Trade Center have been properly cleaned. EPA and the city will conduct specialized monitoring during the upcoming indoor and outdoor cleanup efforts. Outdoor sampling of fine particles and other pollutants that are needed to evaluate compliance with all federal health-related air quality standards will continue as part of New York's federally-required permanent air monitoring network.

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Long-term Data Summary

A [summary of all measurements](#) taken of several air pollutants is available.

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