

Environmental Monitoring in New York City After the World Trade Center Disaster

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Exterior Clean Up Program Summary

- The Department performed inspections of exterior building surfaces.
 - The inspections included the examination of roofs, facades, alleys, fire escapes, and ledges. etc. for the presence of visible debris from the collapse of the WTC.
- Buildings with visible accumulations of debris were identified.
- Building owners/ managers were directed to have the material tested and cleaned up appropriately.
- Follow-up inspections were performed based on owner/manager written response.
- The Exterior Clean Up Program was developed (with funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency - FEMA) to clean up exterior surfaces that still had WTC debris.



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- The Exterior Clean Up Program was initiated on 6/3 and is still in progress.
- Building owners/managers whose properties were identified were sent license agreements to allow the work to proceed.
- Three abatement contractors, chosen through the city's procurement process, are cleaning exterior building surfaces under our direction and oversight.
- A third party monitoring firm, also chosen through the city's procurement process, performs air sampling during clean-up activities.
- The clean up work includes installing barriers, collecting all bulk debris, HEPA vacuuming and wet wiping surfaces, and a final wash down of the included surfaces. Water collection barriers are set up when necessary. Collected water is filtered.



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- The DEP has not received license agreements from all building owners/managers. Staff continues to contact building owners regarding the program and return of the agreement.
- The projected completion date of the DEP Exterior Clean Up Program is 10/30/02.
- Orders to abate will be issued to building owners when necessary. Building owners refusing to take advantage of the program will be mandated to pay for an appropriate clean up.
- The DEP Help Center continues to take information from individuals wishing to report visible debris on exterior surfaces. The Help Center is at (718) DEP-HELP and operates 24-hours per day, 7 days per week.



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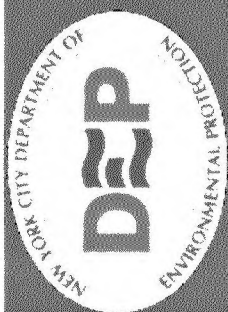


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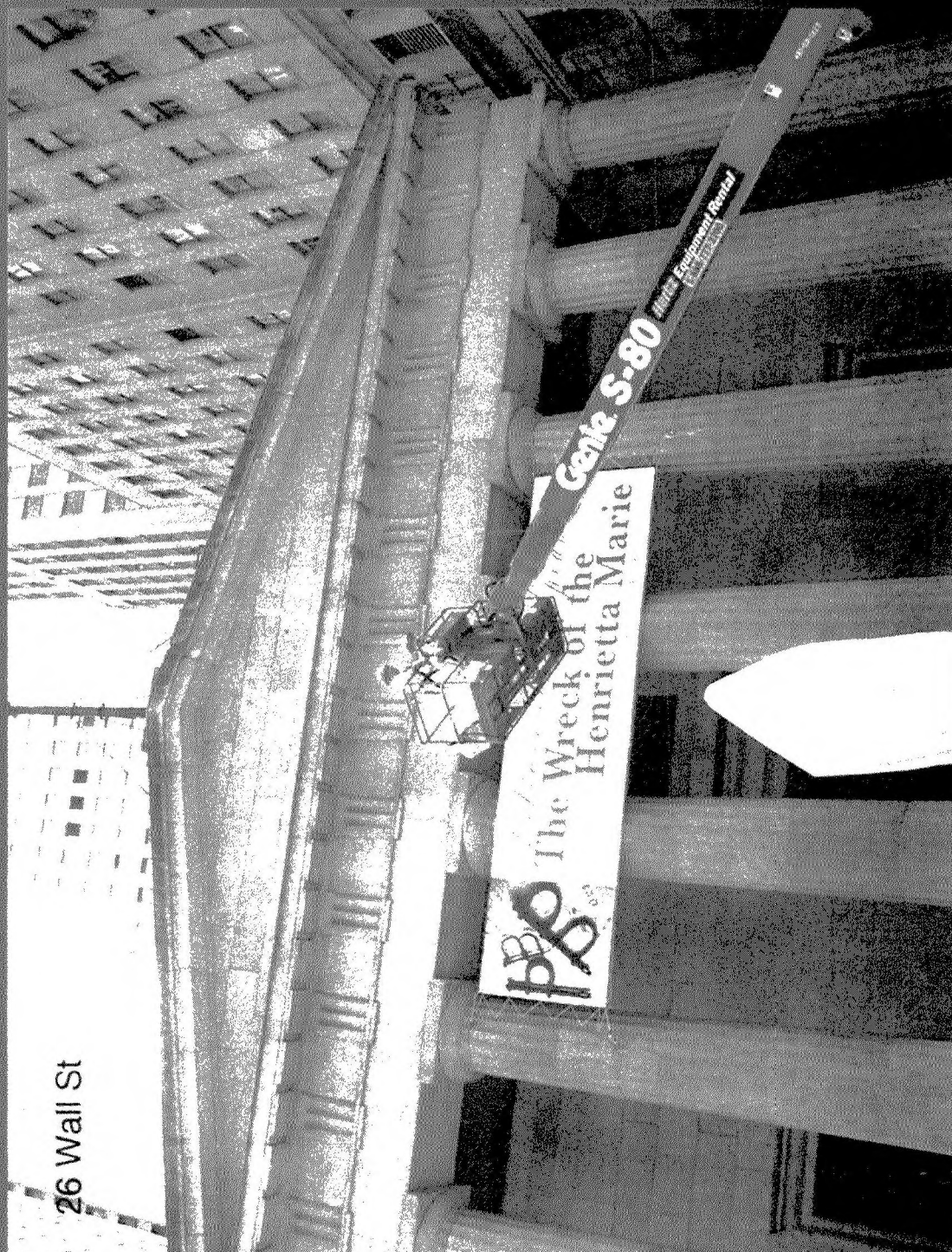


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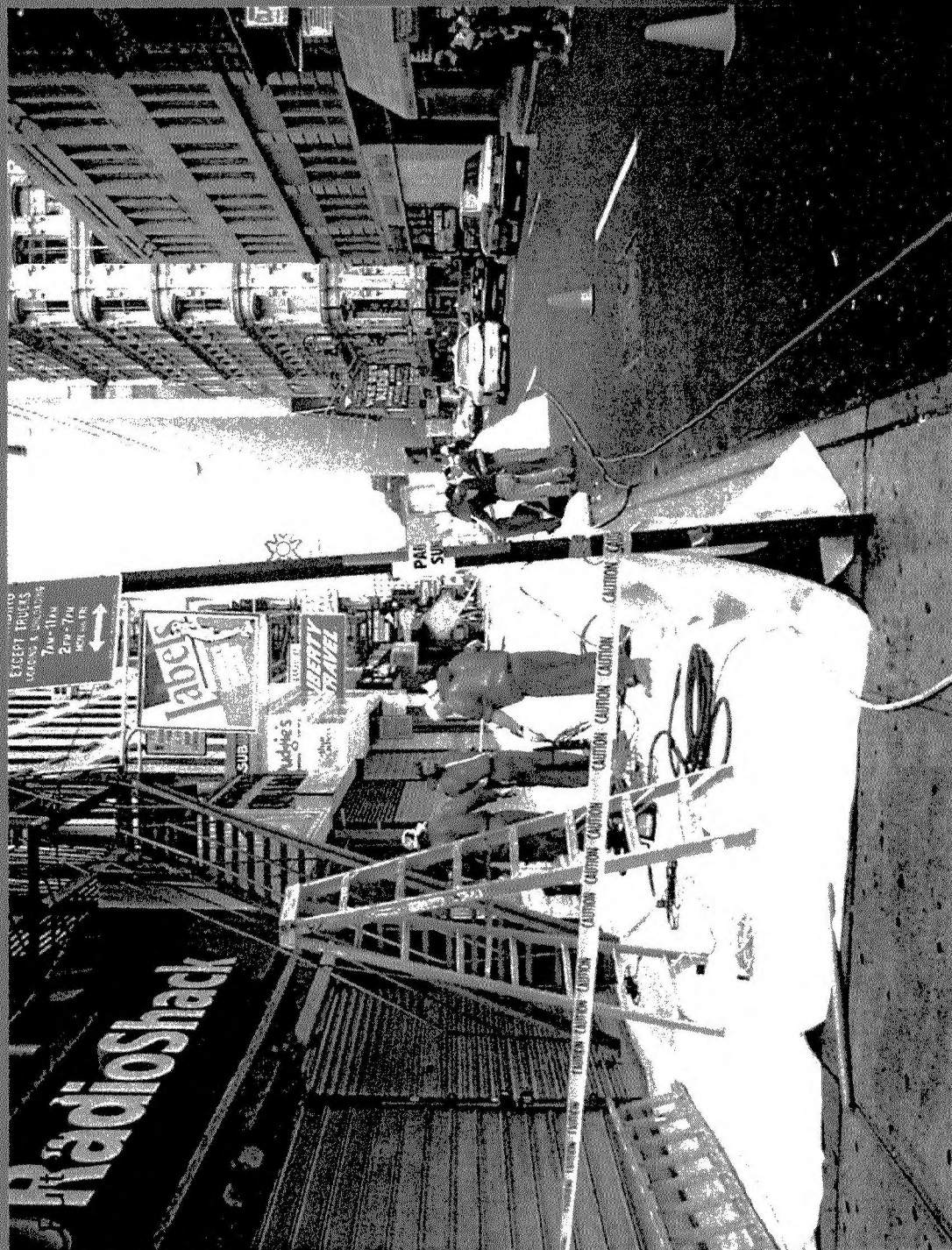


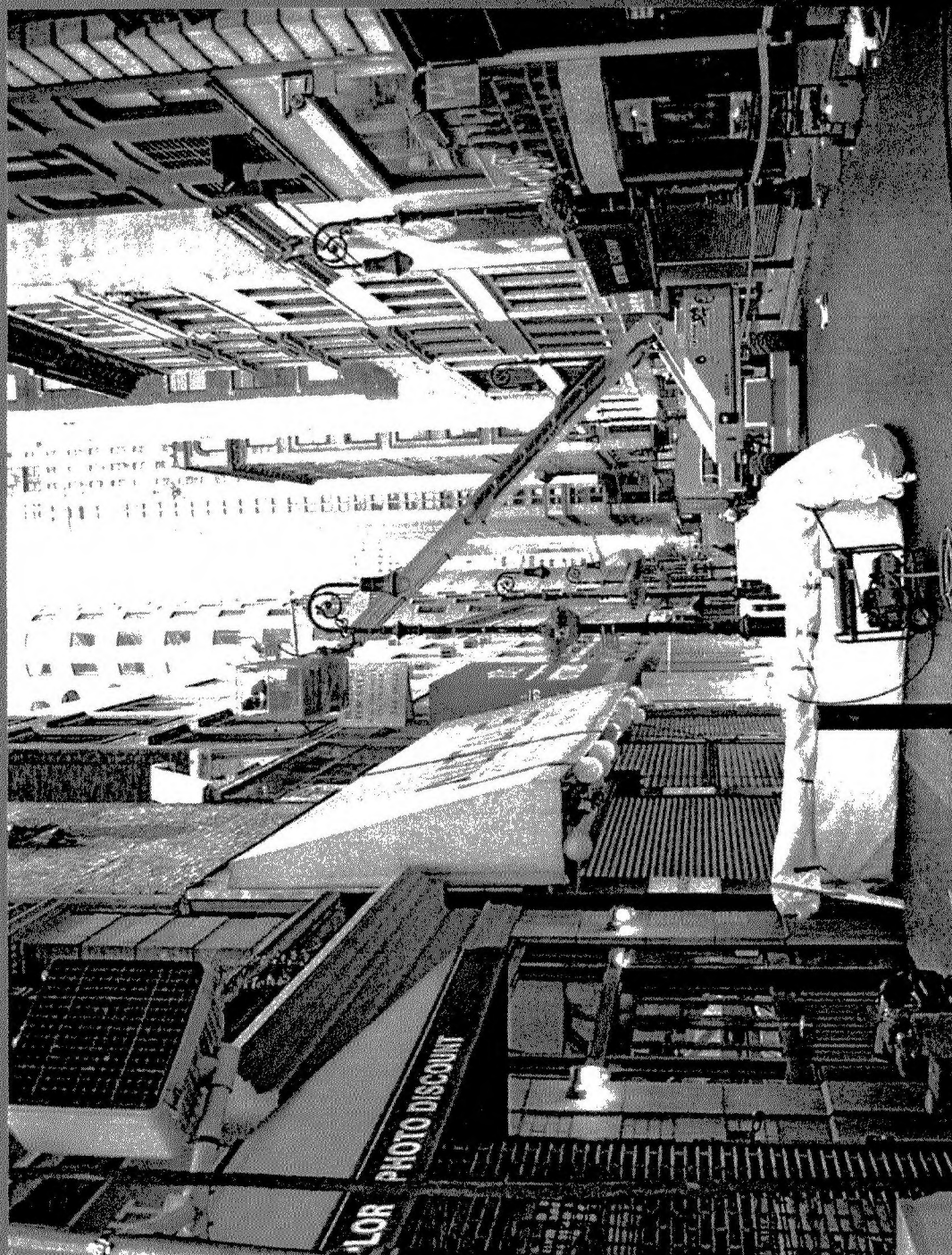
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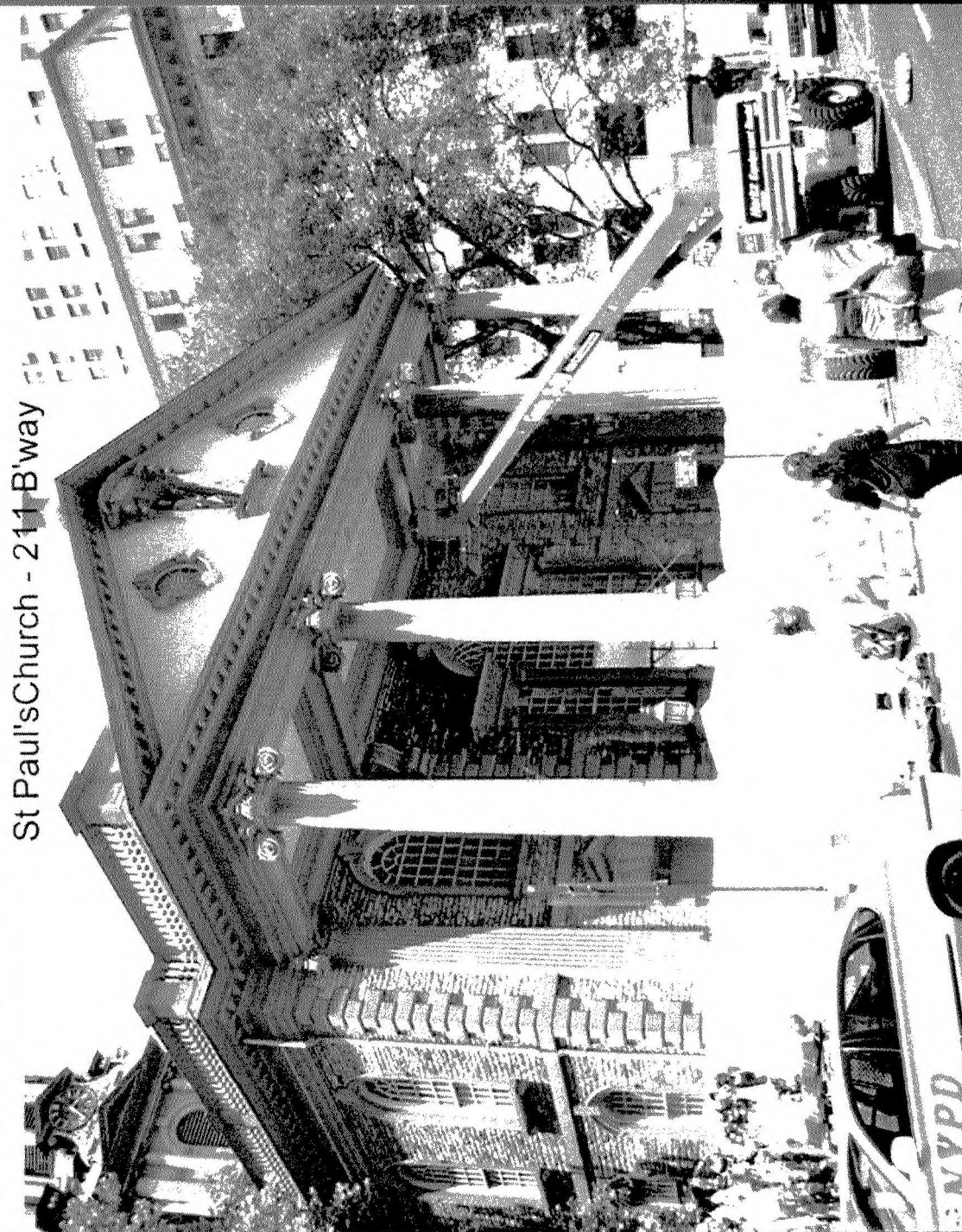


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Number of Buildings Surveyed	1054
Number of Buildings without debris on exterior surfaces	747
Number of buildings with exterior debris	307
Number License Agreements received from Bldg. Owners	152
Number of Buildings cleaned by DEP contractors	105
Buildings cleaned by the building owner and re-inspected by DEP to confirm absence of debris	70