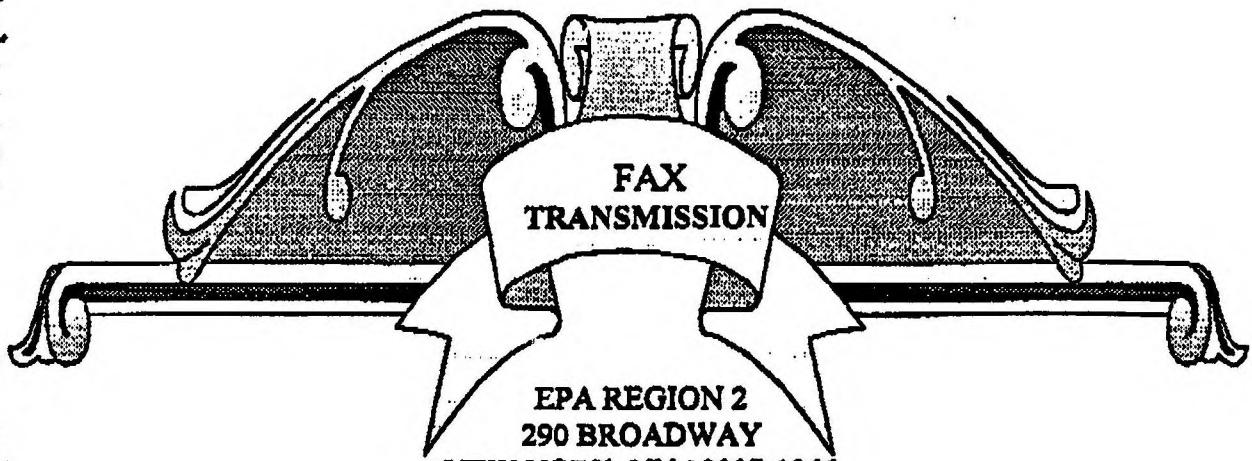




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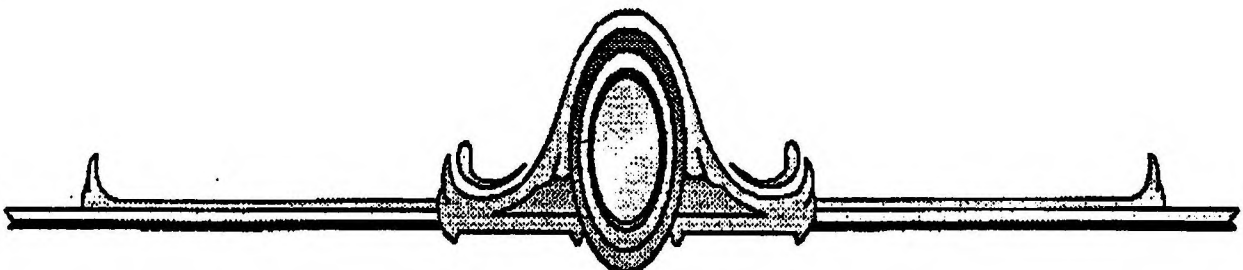
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EPA STATEMENT

EPA has undertaken an unprecedented response to the terrorist attack on the World Trade Center. Working with federal, state and local agencies, EPA has and continues to use sound science and approaches to understand environmental conditions created by the attack. EPA has lead the effort to monitor the outdoor environment while the city of New York has taken the lead regarding the reoccupancy of buildings. We will continue to work with all agencies involved to ensure that the public's health is protected.

We are disappointed in Congressman Nadler's characterization of EPA's efforts to protect public health – our highest priority.

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