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September 16, 2001 CONTACT: (718/337-4357)

Notice to Building Owners Located South of 14th Street, Manhattan

Building Maintenance Issues Involved in Reopening Buildings Closed Since 9/11/01

Air Circulation Systems: Building owners are advised that air circulation systems not operated since Tuesday must have their filters replaced before the system is restarted. Systems should be run on a recirculated air setting and not on fresh air, if possible, until the WTC fire is extinguished.

Asbestos or other Hazardous Materials situations: Owners/managers should have possible contamination problems, indoors or at roofs, reviewed by competent professionals (i.e., R.A.s, P.E.s, Asbestos Inspectors, etc.) prior to beginning clean-up of buildings with maintenance personnel. Where no problems are noted, proceed with clean-up. Where problems (i.e., HazMat) are noted, contact DEP as indicated below.

All issues regarding air asbestos and/or hazardous material clean-up should be directed to the Department of Environmental Protection's complaint center at 1-718 DEP-HELP (337-4357). Help center operators will refer your call to Asbestos and Hazardous Materials staff from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. every day including weekends until such time as the Mayor's office declares the emergency over. Staff will review each case individually on the telephone and verbally approve clean-up activities--paperwork to follow. Emergency situations which arise outside of these time frames will be handled by help center staff taking down the caller's name and contact phone number and notifying personnel on stand-by who will then contact the caller directly.

Open Water tanks: Building owners are advised that water tanks not operated since Tuesday must be completely drained from the cellar, flushed, cleaned, refilled and plumbing systems flushed before having the building reoccupied. You should contact the water tank cleaner who normally performs this yearly operation for you to arrange for this cleaning, if possible.

All other water pressure, sewage, noise and air quality complaints should be directed to 1-718-DEP-HELP.

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Advisory for Building Façade Clean-up

- The contractor performing the cleaning should be experienced in cleaning building façades.
- Building occupants shall be notified prior to the façade cleaning. Access to the street below the façade cleaning shall be restricted and marked with caution tape. Cleaning shall not be performed during wind speeds greater than 20 mph.
- All HVAC systems and air conditioners shall be turned off. All windows shall be closed during the cleaning of the building. Some air conditioners and windows may require sealing with duct tape to prevent water penetration.
- In cases where equipment is rigged from the roof: All clean-up activities on the roof must be completed prior to rigging equipment from the roof.
- All horizontal surfaces and all windows on the façade shall be cleaned of large bulk material by wetting and brushing, by wet wiping and/ or by HEPA vacuuming from top to bottom. The removed material shall be immediately placed into containers (e.g. bags). Windows shall be wet wiped. Free running water shall not be evident during this procedure. Power for HEPA vacuums shall be supplied through ground fault interrupters.
- After completing the above, the entire façade shall be carefully washed. A low pressure washing technique, moving from top to bottom, shall be employed to minimize water bounce-back.
- If the environmental assessment disclosed the debris is asbestos-containing material (ACM), this work shall be performed by a NYSDOL licensed asbestos contractor. The workers must possess NYCDEP and NYSDOL asbestos worker certification. The area below the façade cleaning shall be covered with a layer of polyethylene sheeting and all debris and water must be collected for disposal as ACM waste (i.e. All waste must be double bagged in ACM waste labeled bags.)

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For Real Estate Board

Air Sampling Advisory for Asbestos

The following advisory was prepared to assist building owners/tenants with the performance of air sampling for asbestos

Persons who perform air sampling must possess valid New York State Asbestos Project Air Sampling Technician Certificates. Air sampling analysis must be performed by a laboratory with ELAP accreditation.

A minimum of five representative samples should be collected. In addition to these 5 samples, one representative area sample should be collected for every 5, 000 square feet above 25, 0000 square feet of floor space. The area must be dry before sampling.

The re-occupancy or clearance air monitoring is considered satisfactory when every PCM analysis sample is less than or equal to 0.01 f/cc or every TEM analysis sample is less than 70 s/mm^2.

> PCM samples exceeding the 0.01 f/cc may be analyzed with TEM analysis to determine whether the measured fibers are asbestos fibers. Additional clean-up activities are necessary for re-occupancy if the levels are exceeded.

For additional information regarding air sampling, please refer to the Asbestos Rules. A copy is posted on the Department's web page.

If you have any questions, please call the Asbestos Control Program or contact the Department of Environmental Protection's complaint center at (718) DEP-HELP (337-4357). Help Center operators will refer your call to Asbestos Control Program staff.

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