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To: Richard J. Sheirer  
Director  
Mayor's Office of Emergency Management

From: Joel A. Miele Sr., P.E.  
Commissioner  
New York City Department of Environmental Protection

Date: October 18, 2001

Re: WTC Environmental Assessment

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The New York City Department of Environmental Protection determines the scope of the environmental assessments, determines whether levels exceed environmental standards, develops clean-up requirements and monitors the clean-up activities. The New York City Department of Health compiles and disseminates the data, and interprets the data for protection of public health and safety. The Department of Health makes the final determination regarding public health from environmental hazards.

Various Federal, State and City agencies have been functioning in a cooperative effort in order to effectively use resources and assist the public. Multiple agencies have been monitoring the environmental impact of the September 11, 2001 tragedy at the World Trade Center. These agencies include the US Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA), the US DOL Occupational Health and Safety Administration (OSHA), the US DHHS Centers for Disease Control (CDC), the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYS DEC), the New York State Department of Health (NYS DOH), the New York City Departments of Health (NYC DOH) and Environmental Protection (NYC DEP) among others.

Given the resources and the cooperative efforts to date, the USEPA should continue to provide support to the local agencies.



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**The Mayor's Office of Emergency Management, City of New York**

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**To** Neal Cohen  
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Joel Miele  
Commissioner  
New York City Department of Environmental Protection

**From** Richard J. Sheirer *RJ Sheirer*  
Director  
Mayor's Office of Emergency Management

**Date** October 3, 2001

**Re** WTC ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

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There has been some discussion about the proper role of the USEPA with regard to environmental assessment, the interpretation of data, and the communication of both results and interpretations to other agencies and the public. It has been the policy of the City that local agencies retain jurisdiction and that state and Federal agencies act in support.

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Please let me know, as soon as possible, the role of DOH and EPA in this incident and the relationship to the EPA. I am specifically looking for guidance on which agency determines the hazards that need to be assessed, which agency collects the data, which agency interprets the data, which agency is responsible for disseminating the data, and, lastly, which agency will make the final determination regarding the environmental safety of any particular area?

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

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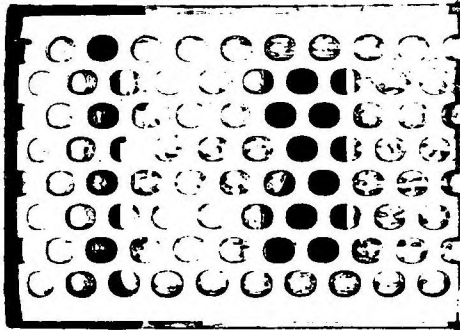
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