



**Department of
Environmental
Protection**

59-17 Junction Boulevard
Flushing, New York
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**Christopher O. Ward
Commissioner**

Mr. Paul Laric
299 West 12th Street
New York, NY 10014

Dear Mr. Laric:

The New York City Department of Environmental Protection's (DEP) Bureau of Environmental Compliance is in receipt of your correspondence concerning an article you reviewed in the Sacramento Bee pertaining to New York City Pollution and the World Trade Center. I apologize in the delay in responding to your correspondence. However, the issues that you raised do not fall under our jurisdiction. To obtain information in this matter, please contact the Department of Health.

I hope this information is helpful.

Sincerely,

Michelle Needle
Assistant to the Director
Division of, Air/Noise,
Permitting, Enforcement & Policy

**Robert C. Avaltroni
Deputy Commissioner**

**Bureau of
Environmental
Compliance**

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New York, New York 10007

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REFERRAL TO :

Dept. of Environmental Protection

AGENCY CODE: 826
CASEWORK No: 374477

ATTENTION :

Ms. Mary Jane Walczszyn
Correspondence
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Elmhurst, NY 11373-5107

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WRITER :

Mr. Paul h. Laric
299 West 12th Street
New York, NY 10014

REC ID : 050302-0055C
SUBJECT : Air pollution

ACTION REQUESTED :

Please respond under the appropriate signature within your department or agency.

DUE DATE : 05/17/02

ACTION TAKEN :

PLEASE CHECK APPLICABLE ACTION DESCRIPTIONS, AND PROVIDE
DETAILS BELOW. (DETAILED EXPLANATION IS REQUIRED)

RETURN THIS PAGE TO : Lyn Howell

☒	We wrote to the writer, copy attached.	(11)
☐	We interviewed the writer.	(21)
☐	We called the writer. Phone #: _____ Spoke to: _____	(31)
☐	The matter is outside our jurisdiction. We suggest referral to :	(44)

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March 25, 2002

The Honorable
Mayor Michael Bloomberg
City Hall
New York, NY 10007

Dear Mr. Mayor:

I was greatly disturbed by the enclosed front-page article from the *Sacramento Bee* concerning a New York City pollution hazard which, to my knowledge, has yet to be addressed by the EPA or other local health authority in the aftermath of the Sept. 11th WTC disaster.

Analysis of a sampling of NYC air, obtained last October, revealed the presence of an extraordinarily high concentration of lethal, miniscule, particles, according to Thomas Cahill, professor emeritus of physics and atmospheric sciences at the University of California, Davis (UCD). The particles are said to be so tiny that (to quote from the article) it would take 1 billion to fill the period at the end of this sentence. As such, they cannot be filtered, but instead travel like gas and can enter the lungs and the bloodstream and invade the heart. They are said to pose a major threat to people with lung and heart conditions.

I am surprised that what made front-page headlines in Sacramento, CA, more than a month ago, is not common knowledge in New York where the hazard allegedly exists. Perhaps some new information has surfaced that contradicts the UCD findings. But if not, I would strongly urge you, Mr. Mayor, to have this situation investigated and guidelines issued.

Yours, very respectfully,

Paul H. Lavin

Enc.

MARY JANE WALCZYSZYN
D.E.P. CORRESPONDENCE

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595-4155

DATE: 5/16/02

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TO: Anastasi

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(☒) SEND A COPY OF YOUR SIGNED RESPONSE TO
ME FOR OUR FILES.

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REMARKS: _____

