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**September 16, 2001: Bureau of Environmental Compliance
Recommendations Regarding the Re-Occupancy of Evacuated
Buildings & Bureau's Update on Daily Report Regarding Hazmat
Activities and Asbestos Air Sampling:**

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH ISSUES

- Based on the imminent release of City DOH's Public Advisory, we recommend that all inquiries regarding the re-occupancy of buildings with regard to health & safety should be referred to the New York City Department of Health (DOH). Has recommended that a DOH hotline be established immediately.

THE DOH HOTLINE NUMBER IS (212) 213 - 1844

- DEP's Bureau of Environmental Compliance (BEC) will offer any technical support and advice needed to assist DOH in their mission.
- It is BEC's recommendation that DOH's Public Health Advisory regarding the re-occupancy of buildings be finalized and posted on the City's website and that DOH should attempt to disseminate the information to all affected parties. The Real Estate Board, Building Management Agencies and others may be able to assist DOH in this endeavor.
- It is BEC's recommendation that DOH reach out to other agencies as well as DEP to gain staffing assistance, if needed, with their Hotline.
- DEP's, BEC will continue to address the air, asbestos and/or hazardous material clean-up through the DEP complaint center at 718 DEP-HELP.

Update on Daily Report Regarding Hazmat Activities and Asbestos Air Sampling:

- **Results of Air Testing at City Hall:** All asbestos wipes taken following the clean-up at City Hall tested negative. Additional air monitoring results are expected by early evening. (We don't anticipate any problems)
- **Update on HEPA Vacuuming of Financial District:**

All streets east of Broadway have been addressed. Site inspections indicate that the streets are clean, free of debris and are accessible to the general public.

Contractors have completed clean-up of City Hall Park and Park Row.

- **Derelict Vehicle Update:**

Thus far, all derelict and towed vehicles have been moved to 2 locations:

1. Pier 76 (between 34 & 35 Streets)
2. Market Slip (under FDR). (Total of 50 Vehicles at both sites)

EPA has given high priority to the cleaning of the 50 vehicles located at the above listed locations.

A central site has been identified for the cleaning of the vehicles still located inside the hotspot. All vehicles being taken out will have to be funneled through **Warren and West Streets** where the National Guard using power washers will do gross decons of the vehicles. This includes vehicles transferring debris to the Fresh Kill Landfill and any other transfer stations as points of destination.

Update on Asbestos Air Monitoring Samples in the Boroughs: (see attachment).

DEP & Fire Department Hazmat: DEP's Hazmat has been working with Fire Department Hazmat and has offered our services and assistance with any and all training and response needs. Moustafa Fawzy has been working closely with Captain Doherty and has assured FDNY's Hazmat of our complete cooperation and assistance at this difficult time.