

Indoor air
approach
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**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
ASBESTOS CONTROL PROGRAM**

1. EPA – Direct Assistance Program to Residents and Residential Building Owners

Responsibilities

EPA – Responsible for the Call Center and coordination all activities
NYCDEP – Develop scope of work and manage the contract
FEMA - Funding

A. Award two types of contracts

- a) Clean-up - Multiple Asbestos Contractors
- b) Consultant / Third Party Monitoring Firm

B. Scope of work

- a) Asbestos – Clean up all the surface including floors, walls, tabletops and all other horizontal surfaces. Cleaning refers to wet wipe and HEPA vacuum.
- b) Consultant –
 - I. Responsible for coordinating with EPA and the complainants.
 - II. Monitor the clean-up
 - III. Conduct air monitoring at the end of clean-up activities
 - IV. Conduct background air samples in designated locations outside WTC area for contaminants of concern

C. Process

- a) The concerned citizen calls the EPA hotline
- b) The call center obtains all the information, which includes address, apt#, building owner information, date and time of caller's availability for the clean-up activity, etc. This information is entered in a database and emailed to the consultant at the end of each day.
- c) The consultant staff contacts the complainant and the contractor and sets up time for the clean-up. The consultant also contacts the owner, if applicable, and gets the consent form signed (this needs to be worked out). A minimum of two days notice must be given prior to the clean-up. The database is updated with the clean-up schedules.
- d) At the end of each day the consultant emails the updated information to both EPA and DEP.
- e) Clean-up starts on the specific day and time. The consultant monitors the clean-up activities and conducts the air monitoring. All these activities are carried out in the presence of the complainant or his/her representative for security reasons.
- f) The consultant will email the updated database to EPA and DEP.
- g) The consultant signs off on the clean-up and sends the document to EPA and DEP for payment.

- D. Provide HEPA vacuums to residents who request to perform their own cleaning on an ongoing basis.

2. Cleaning of Debris-Laden Unoccupied, Uncleaned Buildings

Program: NYC will clean the remaining unoccupied (residential and commercial), uncleaned buildings near the WTC site that contain WTC-debris. NYC will work with building owners to determine reasons that these buildings have not been cleaned yet. If building owners are not able to expeditiously clean their property, NYC will proceed.

3. Clean Up of Exteriors of Buildings with Residual Debris/Dust

Objective: To eliminate remaining debris/dust resulting from the WTC collapse on building exteriors in Lower Manhattan thereby assuring this material will not become re-entrained in the air at a future time, thus creating a potential exposure to the public.

Program: NYC DEP will contract for the cleaning of the exteriors of approximately 250 buildings in Lower Manhattan. EPA, NYCDEP and OSHA will oversee contractors.