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Subject: Background Study Consent For Access and Information Fact Sheet attached



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As requested in the 6/27/02 IAWG meeting, attached are two documents 1) the consent agreement for access and 2) the call for participation fact sheet.

(See attached file: wtcbackgroundaccess5.wpd) (See attached file: wtc_background_sampling_facts_-final.wpd)

CONSENT FOR ACCESS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL SAMPLING WORLD TRADE CENTER BACKGROUND STUDY

INTRODUCTION

The United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") is conducting a background study ("Background Study") of the constituents in airborne and settled dust in selected residential dwellings north of 79th Street in Manhattan.

The results of the Background Study will be compared with samples taken from apartments in the areas of Manhattan near the collapse of the World Trade Center.

At the conclusion of the investigation, EPA will prepare a report that discusses the findings. The Background Report will be available to the public, but the identity of volunteers and their specific residence will be confidential.

I understand that EPA is conducting the Background Study pursuant to its role under the Federal Response Plan and the authority of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. § 5121 et seq.

CONSENT

Having considered the information provided on the Background Study, I am willing to volunteer to participate in the study.

I hereby consent to officers, employees and authorized representatives of EPA having access to the residence ("Residence"), identified below, and personal property in the Residence at:

Street Address:

Apartment Number:

to conduct the Background Study, as briefly summarized below.

I understand that the Background Study will be performed by contractors retained by EPA with direct oversight by EPA. The contractors performing the sampling activities are required to maintain insurance coverage for commercial general liability, workers compensation and environmental impairment liability. The contractors are required to maintain such insurance at all times that they are conducting sampling activities in the Residence.

The Background Study will require access to the Residence and the personal property which is located in various areas of the Residence, including but not limited to the living room, den, bedroom(s), bathroom(s), dining area or dining room, kitchen, and air conditioning/heating units.

Background sampling and analysis will consist of the following:

- Three air samples collected from pumps running for an eight-hour time period in the Residence (twenty-inch oscillating fans will be used to suspend dust for the duration of the sampling);
- Vacuum samples collected from carpets, drapes, and fabric furniture in living areas;
- Wipe samples collected from horizontal surfaces of tables, counters, bare floors, walls and ceilings;
- Samples collected from individual air conditioning/heater units.
- Each sample will be analyzed for asbestos and lead. Wipe samples will also be analyzed for dioxins, polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAH's), silica, calcite, gypsum, man-made fibers (such as ceramic dusts), and total dust. Upon completion of the analyses, EPA will distribute the individual sampling results to each volunteer.

I understand that I, or my authorized representative, must be present during the sampling and may observe the activities being performed in the Residence, and I, or my authorized representative, agree to comply with instructions provided by EPA.

This written permission is given voluntarily with knowledge of the right to refuse and without threats or promises of any kind.

I certify that I am the owner or tenant of the Residence, and I am authorized to grant access for the Background Study on behalf of all the residents of the Residence.

New York, New York

Dated:

Signature

Name (PRINT)

Telephone Numbers:

Home -

Work -

Cellular Phone -



CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS IN WORLD TRADE CENTER STUDY TO DETERMINE PRE-9/11 POLLUTION LEVELS

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) needs your help in its continuing response to the attack on the World Trade Center (WTC). To better assess the impacts of possible contamination from WTC dust, the Agency needs to learn what levels of pollution existed prior to September 11. To do that, EPA needs to test the dust in apartments that were not directly effected by the collapse.

EPA will soon begin cleaning and testing residential dwellings in lower Manhattan that were impacted by the collapse of the World Trade Center. In order to establish pre-existing or background levels of pollution, EPA will sample 28 residential units and 14 common areas within buildings located north of 79th Street.

Your building has been identified as an ideal candidate for this study due to the building type (it typifies some of the housing stock in lower Manhattan) and its location well north of the WTC site. By volunteering to have your home sampled for pollutants, you can help fellow New Yorkers while receiving useful and interesting information about your home.

Samples will need to be taken from two units in your building and from common-use areas such as lobbies and/or stairwells. The results will be compared to impacted locations near the World Trade Center collapse. The sampling for EPA's background study will be conducted by licensed contractors with direct EPA oversight.

In order to volunteer, we need for you to:

- ✓ Be available for a one-time, one-day, eight-hour period between July 29 through August 16th, Monday through Friday (limited number of Saturdays available). EPA will schedule with you for a mutually convenient time;
- ✓ Allow three air pumps to run continuously in your dwelling for a period of eight hours, and allow EPA to wipe and vacuum some areas of your dwelling; and
- ✓ Sign an access agreement provided by EPA.

These background samples will consist of the following:

- Three air samples collected from pumps running eight-hours at each apartment and common space;
- Vacuum samples from carpets, drapes, and fabric furniture in living areas.
- Wipe samples from horizontal surfaces of tables, counters, bare floors, and walls and ceilings.
- Samples from individual air conditioner units or from the air conditioning unit for the entire building.

Sampling instruments will run for eight hours in selected common areas and residential units. EPA's contractor will need to sit outside residential units or sit near the common areas being sampled. The contractor will check the pumps hourly to ensure the pumps are working and samples are being collected in an appropriate manner. EPA requests that the owner or owner's representative be present during the sampling. Costs for the sampling effort are being paid by the federal government

EPA will analyze each of the samples collected for asbestos and lead. Wipe samples will also be analyzed for dioxins, polyaromatic hydrocarbons (PAH's), silica, calcite, gypsum, man-made fibers (such as ceramic dusts), and total dust. Analysis of the samples is expected to take 2 months to complete. Once the study is complete, the New York City Department of Health and EPA will distribute the individual sampling results. Results will be shared with the participants first and will be kept confidential. In addition, the results will only be shared as part of general data – specific units will not be identified..

To volunteer for the program, contact Kevin Matheis at 212-637-3122 or Carol Lynes at 212-637-3585. For more information, contact Ben Barry at (212) 637-3671.

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