

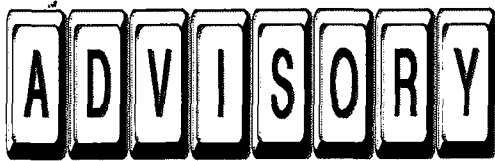
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This is a draft of the press release we hope to put out today. Let me know as soon as you get the list of subcontractors...
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www.epa.gov/region2**DRAFT DRAFT DRAFT****Contact: Mary Mears 212-637-3669****City Awards Contracts for EPA's Downtown Residential Dust Cleanup Program****FOR RELEASE: Thursday, September 12, 2002**

(#02XXX) New York, N.Y. – The New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has awarded 8 contracts for the downtown WTC indoor cleanup program, to be managed by EPA. Two contractors, one project monitoring contractor and one cleanup contractor, will work in each of four quadrants of the eligible cleanup area. These quadrants were drawn with the goal of having each contractor handle an equivalent number of requests (see map of quadrants attached or on EPA's Web www.epa.gov/wtc). The monitoring contractors will be in charge of scheduling cleanups and testing, doing a pre-cleanup walk-through to gather information and answer questions, monitor the work of the cleanup contractor and conduct all sampling. This sampling includes post-cleanup sampling, wipe samples taken in a subset of homes and sampling in homes where only testing was requested.

As of September 10, 2002, more than 4,000 residents of lower Manhattan have signed up to have their homes tested, or cleaned and tested, under EPA's Residential Dust Cleanup Assistance Program. In May, EPA and its federal, state and city partners announced a comprehensive plan to ensure that apartments impacted by the collapse of the World Trade Center have been properly cleaned. The plan -- covering residential units south of Canal Street, Pike and Alley Streets, river to river -- was developed in consultation with the multi-agency Task Force on Indoor Air in Lower Manhattan created by EPA Administrator Christie Whitman. A hotline to register residents for the cleanup program was launched in June. EPA has already begun testing homes for asbestos in air, and contractors that will conduct the full cleaning and testing program are in place and have begun scheduling cleanups.

The 8 contractors and contact information, listed by quadrant, are as follows:

Quadrant A

Monitoring - ATC Associates

Cleanup - Trio Asbestos

Quadrant B

Monitoring - Cole Consulting
Contact

Cleanup - JBH Environmental

Quadrant C

Monitoring - Warren & Panzer

Cleanup - Kiss Construction, Inc.

Quadrant D

Monitoring - Athenica Environmental Services

Cleanup - Terrmon Construction, Inc.

In order to prevent fraud from contractors posing as city contractors, contractors will wear identification. If you have any questions about a contractor, please call EPA's hotline. While this hotline will stop taking new requests for cleanup on October 3, it will continue to operate to answer questions through (Date?). For more information about EPA's cleanup program, visit EPA's WTC Web site (www.epa.gov/wtc) or call EPA's WTC Hotline at **1-877-796-5471** or, for the deaf and hard of hearing, **TTY 1-800-396-1018**.