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FYI-
 Attached is the article on the NY1 Poll.
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Among the findings of a NY1 and Daily News poll on issues related to the September 11 terrorist attacks, the vast majority of New Yorkers do not believe the air is safe in and around the World Trade Center site.

A whopping 70 percent of those surveyed said they do not believe the Environmental Protection Agency and other government agencies that say the air quality near the World Trade Center site is safe. Twenty-three percent believe the air is safe, and 8 percent weren't sure.

"This is the question where we see New Yorkers of all types," said pollster Julie Weprin of Blum and Weprin Associates, "in clear agreement where they do not believe reports by the EPA and other government agencies that the air down near ground zero is safe to breathe."

Six months after the World Trade Center attack, New Yorkers appear to feel safe living in the city. Nearly half, 48 percent, say they feel about as safe in New York City as anywhere in the country, and 20 percent feel safer in the city than anywhere else. Just under a third, or 29 percent, say they feel less safe, and 3 percent are unsure.

"New Yorkers are not feeling especially vulnerable in that they don't believe that this was all about just New York, and I don't think they think they're particularly targeted for the future, that this was an attack on America," said pollster Mickey Blum. "So, they don't feel any more

vulnerable than they would be if they were anyplace else in America."

As for finances, the poll found many New Yorkers have been suffering since the attacks. Twenty percent say they've been hurting a great deal financially since September 11, and another 23 percent say they've been hurt somewhat. Sixteen percent say they're hurting only a little, and 36 percent say their finances have not been impacted.

"There has been very widespread financial and emotional impact," Blum said, "and it isn't just confined to those who live and work Downtown who may have actually suffered a personal loss."

As more time passes since September 11, the poll also found, the attacks are having less of an impact on how city residents feel about Arab New Yorkers. Responding to a question also asked in another survey in November, less New Yorkers now say they are more suspicious of Arabs.

In the latest survey, 44 percent say they are more wary of Arab New Yorkers than they were before September 11. Fifty-one percent say they are not, and 6 percent are unsure.

For all questions, the poll has a margin of error of plus or minus 4.5 percent.

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