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Construction Command Center to monitor downtown air quality

The Lower Manhattan Construction Command Center (LMCCC) will conduct an air quality monitoring program throughout the Lower Manhattan rebuilding process.

The program will begin this summer by collecting background data and proceed throughout peak construction activity through 2008, and it will be an important tool to help ensure environmental safety and minimize construction impacts to the downtown community.

The program will be administered by the LMCCC in consultation with the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), New York State Department of Environmental

Conservation (DEC), and New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP).

Governor Pataki's Chief of Staff John Cahill said, "There will be a great deal of construction in Lower Manhattan in the coming months and years, and we will make sure that the community is informed and protected throughout the rebuilding process."

CCC executive director, Charles Maikish, added, "Among the major goals of the Command Center is to mitigate the impact of construction on the Lower Manhattan community, including monitoring air quality, and to assure that project sponsors carry

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out their environmental performance commitments during construction."

The program will focus on preventing elevated concentrations of particulate matter in surrounding neighborhoods during construction and will inform measures to minimize potential impacts. The LMCCC will analyze both short-term and long-term data throughout the rebuilding process in order to take appropriate mitigation action and enforcement if necessary.

The air monitoring program will consist of fixed air samplers located in the neighborhoods surrounding the sites of major construction activities,

including the World Trade Center Site redevelopment, the deconstruction of 130 Liberty Street, the Route 9A reconstruction, Fulton Street Transit Center, and the World Trade Center Transportation Hub. The proposed vicinities of the air monitoring locations include: northern Battery Park City/Tribeca, southern Battery Park City, Park Row/City Hall Park, and the Financial District.

The program will begin this summer by collecting background air quality data before full construction of the Lower Manhattan rebuilding projects commences. This data is necessary for baseline monitoring and comparative purposes.