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The Lower Manhattan Development Corporation received comments on the June 13, 2005 Deconstruction Plan from the Regulatory Agencies on July 26, 2005 and has been working on revisions to the Deconstruction Plan based on those comments. LMDC expects to resubmit a Revised Deconstruction Plan early this week.

As has been stated throughout the planning phase of this project, the LMDC will not begin deconstruction activities until full approval from the Regulatory Agencies has been granted. However, the critical path component of this project remains the scaffolding system and therefore LMDC has requested approval from the Regulators to commence with certain *Non Intrusive Preparatory Work* to prepare the site for the scaffolding erection. The *Non Intrusive Preparatory Work* is defined as work that is necessary for the installation of the scaffolding system that does not in any way penetrate contaminated surfaces or require any abatement work in order for safe execution.

LMDC has requested approval to 1) Install sidewalk bridges and perimeter site fence, 2) Install a concrete pad for the hoist, and 3) Install hanging rigs support frames. LMDC and the Regulators discussed the merits of this request and the Regulators have approved the installation of the sidewalk bridges and the concrete hoist pad, as these tasks pose no threat of disturbing the building, the exterior netting, or any regulated materials. The Regulators denied LMDC's request for the third item pending approval of the completed Deconstruction Plan. To view the LMDC request and the EPA response click here:

http://www.renewnyc.com/plan_des_dev/130Liberty/scaffolding_installation.asp

Please be advised that LMDC will commence with the approved *Non Intrusive Preparatory Work* on Tuesday, August 9, 2005 and anticipates the replacement of perimeter sidewalk bridges and fencing, along with the pouring of the hoist pad, to be completed within two weeks. No further work will occur until either LMDC receives approval of the resubmitted Deconstruction Plan or LMDC identifies and requests Regulator approval for further *Non Intrusive Preparatory Work* prior to the approved plan.

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