



Work Progress

The installation of the exterior scaffolding has been completed. The north and south hoists have also been installed.

Bovis Lend Lease, the general contractor, has hired John Galt Corporation as the abatement and deconstruction subcontractor. Required notifications for the abatement have been submitted to the New York State Department of Labor, New York City Department of Environmental Protection, and the United States Environmental Protection Agency. Abatement and removal of materials from the building is expected to begin late next week. In the meantime, preparatory work for the abatement, which includes bringing necessary equipment and materials to the site, constructing decontamination systems for the workers, equipment and materials, and installing negative air pressure containments, will begin tomorrow, March 9th.

Enhanced Communication With the Community

In December, LMDC announced that we would be working with the Battery Park City/Downtown Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) to further enhance our safety and communication efforts. Since then, we have been working with the CERT to create detailed plans regarding their involvement in the project. We are pleased to tell you that the CERT has already trained 50 new members as a result of funding provided by LMDC and they plan to start another class in the coming weeks. These additional members will enable the CERT to assist in the following ways:

The CERT will provide information to the community about the project, including setting up tables in the area around 130 Liberty St. to distribute information and answer questions on a regular basis.

CERT team members living or working in the 130 Liberty St. area will receive radios that provide direct communication to CERT leadership. In the event of an emergency, the CERT will be contacted immediately by LMDC and the CERT team members can help spread information and directions through their buildings and other buildings in the area.

Buildings in the 130 Liberty St. area that do not have a CERT team member can register a building representative with the CERT. The building representative will be contacted in the event of an emergency

to provide information and directions. To register your building, or to find out about joining the CERT, please e-mail bpccert@aol.com

Of course, in the event of an emergency, the CERT communications will supplement, not replace, emergency responders' communications. As has been described at several community meetings, emergency responders may use public address systems, door-to-door notification, communication with building managers and media alerts to disseminate information and directions. The emergency responder Incident Commander will work with the CERT to ensure comprehensive and proper communications.

An informational brochure that describes the communications protocols and provides additional information on emergency preparedness and response is attached. The flyer will be distributed throughout the community. If you would like extra copies of the flyer for distribution, please let us know by responding to this e-mail.

Site Safety

Safety remains the number one priority on this job. "Toolbox" safety meetings are held daily for all workers, foreman safety meetings are held weekly, and safety drills are held regularly. The most recent worker safety drill took place on February 28th and included representatives of the CERT. The Fire Department last inspected the site on March 1.

As always, please let me know if you have any questions.



130 LIBERTY STREET

Preparedness & Response

An essential part of any safety plan is to be prepared for potential emergencies. *The Lower Manhattan Development Corporation* (LMDC), working with city, state and federal agencies, has put all available safety and emergency procedures in place to protect the workers deconstructing 130 Liberty Street and the residents and businesses in the surrounding community. LMDC has been working closely with New York City's emergency response teams - the *Office of Emergency Management* (OEM), the *Fire Department* (FDNY) and the *Police Department* (NYPD) - as well as the federal, state and city agencies overseeing the deconstruction project to develop and monitor proper safety and emergency protocols. These agencies meet with LMDC regularly and visit the site so that they are familiar with the work taking place and are prepared to respond to any potential emergency.

PREPAREDNESS:

A very important part of responding to any emergency is planning and preparation by those who may be affected. An excellent source of information is the **New York City Office of Emergency Management's Ready New York program**. This step-by-step review of the essentials of household preparedness is available on OEM's website, www.nyc.gov/readyny. OEM also provides **Ready New York preparedness seminars** to interested community groups. In addition, the *Battery Park City/Downtown Community Emergency Response Team* (CERT), which recently expanded its operations with financial support from LMDC, is available to provide materials on *Ready New York* and other emergency preparedness procedures at www.bpc-cert.org.

EMERGENCY RESPONSE:

New York City's emergency response personnel are among the most highly trained and respected in the nation. New York City manages emergencies under the *Citywide Incident Management System* (CIMS). This protocol, which is in place for all types of emergencies, establishes a command structure and assigns the work required to meet an emergency based upon the core competencies of the response agencies. In the event of a major emergency at 130 Liberty Street, work on the project will stop, emergency responders will be called to the scene through 911, and New York City's emergency services will handle the situation in accordance with their well recognized standards of operation.

At a deconstruction site such as 130 Liberty Street, emergencies involving collapse, fire, personal injury or environmental hazard are potential, although unlikely, problems. CIMS has protocols for all of these types of incidents. For example, if a collapse occurs, under CIMS the *Fire Department* is the lead agency and assumes command of the incident. Fire will lead life safety operations including search and

rescue; EMS units will lead immediate medical care and transportation; Police will lead site security and management, investigation and assist in search and rescue. Other agencies, including the Department of Buildings and the Department of Environmental Protection, may participate in the emergency. The specifics of the emergency will dictate the extent of each agency's involvement.

Under CIMS, in the event of an environmental incident, the *Police Department* is the lead agency until such time as criminality or terrorism is ruled out. Then, the command of the incident is unified under Police, Fire and the Department of Health or Department of Environmental Protection. CIMS sets forth the specific activities of each responding agency. If the environmental hazard is chemical in nature, the *Department of Environmental Protection* will be the agency directing mitigation efforts. If the hazard is biological or radiological, the *Department of Health* will direct mitigation efforts.

COMMUNITY NOTIFICATION:

Emergency responders will use a variety of methods to provide important information to workers and residents in the project area and may direct people either to evacuate or “shelter in place.” (**The Ready New York Household Preparedness Guide** contains information on how to properly shelter in place.) Depending on the nature of the incident, emergency responders may use speaker systems, door-to-door notification, media announcements, and/or communication with building managers to provide information and directions to the community.

In addition, LMDC will notify the Battery Park City/Downtown CERT of an emergency and the CERT will communicate with emergency responders and the community. CERT members live and work in many buildings in the 130 Liberty St. area and, through their comprehensive communications strategy, can help the emergency responders spread information quickly throughout the area. If your building does not have a CERT team member working or living in it, your building manager can register with the CERT to ensure that they are contacted during an emergency. (It is important for your building to have its own communication plan to help spread information through the building.) If you or someone in your building is interested in joining the CERT, or would like to register to be contacted in an emergency, please contact **CERT Chief Sid Baumgarten** at bpccert@aol.com.

In the event of an incident, LMDC will also issue an “Incident Alert” – an e-mail explaining the problem. Incident Alerts will be sent to subscribers of the LMDC “E-Update” system, which provides regular updates on the project. To sign up for the “E-Update”/“Incident Alert” visit www.renewnyc.com and click on the 130 Liberty St. section.

Information on 130 Liberty Street:

For detailed information about the 130 Liberty Street deconstruction project, visit: www.renewnyc.com.