

In recent days, you may have read or heard news accounts claiming that a disagreement between LMDC and the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is delaying the deconstruction of 130 Liberty St. We want to assure you that this is not true and that the project remains on schedule for completion in the spring of 2007.

As you know, a comprehensive Deconstruction Plan was approved by the EPA, as well as City and State regulatory agencies, in September of 2005. The Deconstruction Plan detailed how the building would be cleaned of potentially hazardous contaminants (Phase I) and also outlined how the building components would be dismantled after they are cleaned (Phase II). As has been reported in previous e-updates, the Phase I cleaning of the building has begun according to the protocols in the approved Deconstruction Plan. In addition, more detailed plans have been developed for Phase II, which is scheduled to begin in June. These plans are under review by the Department of Buildings in consultation with EPA and other regulatory agencies.

EPA has, in fact, asked for more details about the techniques that will be used during Phase II . We are now working with EPA and the other regulatory agencies to address any remaining questions and concerns in a manner that ensures the health and safety of the community and the workers.

We regret that inaccurate information has been disseminated and will continue to keep you updated on the project.