

*The purpose of this fact sheet is to announce the release of the initial building characterization study of the Deutsche Bank/130 Liberty Street Building conducted for the Lower Manhattan Development Corporation (LMDC) in anticipation of the future cleaning and deconstruction of the building.*

*LMDC is beginning a public comment period concerning the planned deconstruction of 130 Liberty Street. A 30 day public comment period begins on September 14, 2004 and ends on October 13, 2004. A public information session will be held on September 23, 2004 in order to provide more detailed information about the study and obtain public comment.*

## **Background**

On August 31, 2004, LMDC took ownership of the building at 130 Liberty Street, previously owned by Deutsche Bank. LMDC is developing a cleaning and deconstruction plan for the building as part of its mission to redevelop the World Trade Center site. LMDC commissioned an independent, third-party assessment of conditions in the building. That assessment, conducted by the Louis Berger Group, Inc., is being released today.

## **Initial Building Characterization Study**

The purpose of the study was to characterize the contamination in the building prior to cleaning and deconstruction in order to ensure that those activities are done in a safe and appropriate manner that is protective of the workers, the community, and the environment.

Previous studies of the building have been conducted as part of the legal dispute between the former building owner, Deutsche Bank, and its insurance companies. Deutsche Bank conducted studies to show that the building could not be reoccupied and should be demolished. The insurance companies conducted studies to show that the building could be cleaned and reoccupied.

## **LMDC's Purpose and Intent**

Because of the difference in the purpose of studies conducted by other parties, and because of differing information needs, LMDC consulted with environmental experts and determined that an independent evaluation of the building should be conducted, rather than relying solely on previously collected data. Unlike other studies, it has been LMDC's intent to determine the contaminants in the building in order to develop a cleaning and deconstruction plan. In this plan, LMDC will:

- Address concerns about community and worker health and safety;
- Develop engineering controls and precautionary work practices to ensure public health and safety and protect the environment;
- Use cleaning and disposal procedures that properly address all identified contaminants; and
- Comply with all applicable federal, state and local regulations throughout the cleaning and deconstruction process.

## **Major Report Recommendations**

- Maintain, review, and modify the current health and safety plan and external air monitoring program as appropriate to address the conditions identified in this Study;
- Continue to review and address the potential for release of contaminants from the Building and further develop and implement an emergency action plan for the Building;
- Conduct further testing as recommended, further develop the cleaning and deconstruction plan, and continue to consult with all appropriate regulatory agencies;
- Further develop appropriate site-specific health and safety plan documents and appropriate work and site operations plan documents;
- File appropriate notifications and obtain necessary permits, including the Asbestos Control Program 7 (ACP-7), from the appropriate regulatory agencies and engage a contractor with a NYSDOL asbestos handling license, as necessary, to perform the work; and

- LMDC should conduct appropriate monitoring and quality assurance/quality control inspections throughout the cleaning and deconstruction process.

LMDC will prepare a deconstruction plan that takes into account technical requirements and community concerns about public health and safety and meets the approval of the regulatory agencies. These agencies include the US Environmental Protection Agency; the US Occupational Safety and Health Administration; the NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation; the NYS Dept. of Labor; the NYS Dept. of Health; the NYC Dept. of Environmental Protection; the NYC Dept. of Buildings; and the NYC Dept. of Health and Mental Hygiene.

**Where is the Study?**

The “Initial Building Characterization Study” can be viewed online at [www.renewnyc.com](http://www.renewnyc.com). Hard copies of the study are available for viewing at LMDC offices between 9 am and 5:30 pm or by-request by contacting LMDC at the address listed to the bottom right. Other studies, including those conducted by Deutsche Bank and the insurance companies are also available for viewing at this location. Appointments are encouraged.

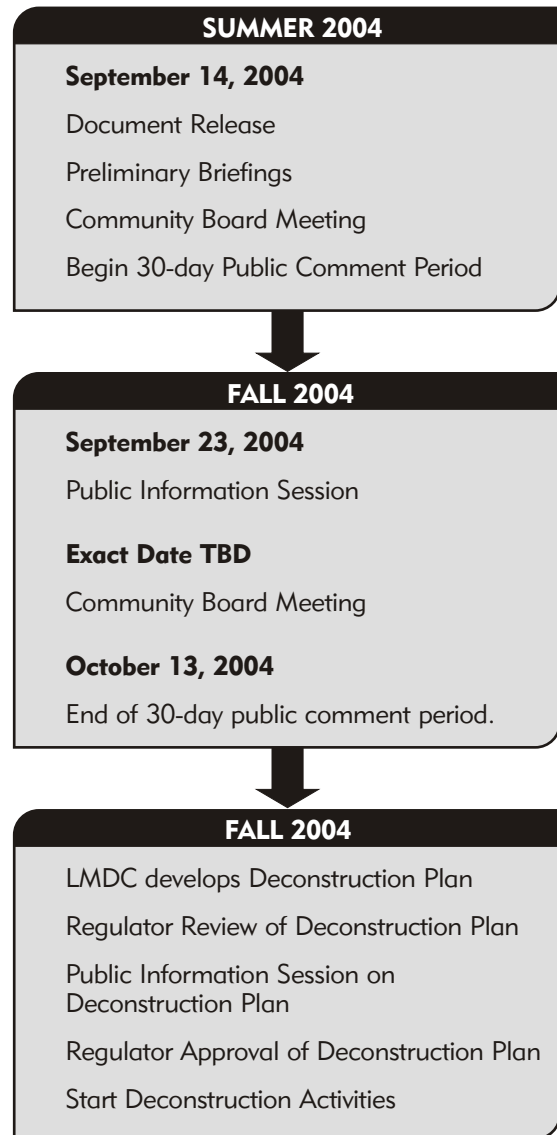
**Public Information Session**

LMDC is seeking public input regarding community concerns about the building deconstruction. The public is invited to attend a public information session where they can hear more detailed information about the initial building characterization study, as well as meet staff from LMDC. The public will also be invited to submit written comments at the meeting. The session will be held:

**Thursday, September 23, 2004**  
**5:00 PM to 9:00 PM**  
**Tribeca Performing Arts Center at the**  
**Borough of Manhattan Community College**  
**199 Chambers Street**  
**New York, New York 10007**  
*(Directions are available at*  
*[www.bmcc.cuny.edu/about\\_bmcc/directions.html](http://www.bmcc.cuny.edu/about_bmcc/directions.html)*)  
**Meet and Greet from 5:00 to 6:00 PM,**  
**Presentations begin at 6:00 PM**

Members of the public can also provide comment in writing to LMDC (see contact information below) or via the web at [www.renewnyc.com](http://www.renewnyc.com).

**Preliminary Project Timeline**



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