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Administrator Michael O. Leavitt
Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Ave. N.W.
Washington DC 20460

Re: 130 Liberty Street, New York, NY

Dear Administrator Leavitt:

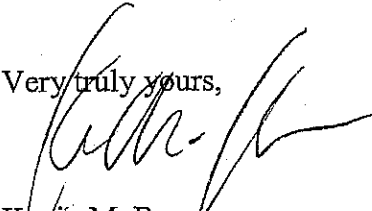
I write on behalf of the Lower Manhattan Development Corporation ("LMDC") concerning the upcoming removal of the former Deutsche Bank building located at 130 Liberty Street, New York, New York. This project is of tremendous importance to Lower Manhattan, New York, and the nation. The deconstruction will remove the shrouded building that has been a grim reminder of the events of September 11th. The razing of the building also paves the way for full implementation of the World Trade Center Memorial and Redevelopment Plan, which includes a Memorial, Memorial Center, Performing Arts Center, and Museum Complex.

On August 18, 2004 Congressman Jerrold Nadler wrote to you to request that the Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") assume the lead role in regulating the environmental aspects of the deconstruction of 130 Liberty. Congressman Nadler made a similar request in his October 13, 2004 comments to LMDC concerning the deconstruction.

LMDC joins with Congressman Nadler in urging the Agency to take the lead in overseeing the environmental aspects of the deconstruction of the Building. While the input of local and state agencies is anticipated and appreciated, the Agency's national experience coupled with its experience with World Trade Center dust make it capable of providing significant assistance and direction throughout the deconstruction process.

We look forward to working with EPA and others to complete the deconstruction in a safe and effective manner. If I can provide you with any additional information, please let me know.

Very truly yours,


Kevin M. Rampe
President

cc: Congressman Jerrold Nadler