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REPORT OF PUBLIC FORUM ON STATE SUPERFUND SITE AT 2350 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK, NY AUGUST 17^{th,} 2012



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I. Introduction

This is a report by Senator Bill Perkins on the public forum that he sponsored on the toxic State Superfund Site at 2350 Fifth Avenue. The forum was held on August 17, 2012. In early July, Senator Perkins was informed by one of his constituents that 2350 Fifth Avenue had been rented to about 100 members of the community without notification of its status as a class 2 State Superfund Site that is currently undergoing remediation to clean up and remove toxic chemicals at the site. A State Superfund Site is also known as an inactive hazardous waste site, which means that toxic chemicals are present in the air and/or water at that site. According to the Department of Environmental Conservation, a class 2 superfund site "poses a significant public health risk" and "requires action". ECL §27-2405 mandates that owners of a superfund site provide notice to tenants in the lease agreement in "at least twelve point type in bold face on the first page: "NOTIFICATION OF TEST RESULTS." The property has been tested for contamination of indoor air: test results and additional information are available upon request". However, individuals who rented space at 2350 were not told about the site's toxic status. Additionally, the owner of the building 2350 Fifth Avenue Corporation changed the address of the building to 2340 in attempt to further hide the fact that the site is in fact a class 2 superfund site.

On July 10th and 11th NBC NY I-Team ran a news story on this huge issue where they interviewed impacted individuals and Senator Perkins. As a result, the DEC agreed to hold an informational meeting for the tenants of the building on July 31st. Numerous tenants remained concerned and outraged that they were not notified that the building was designated as a superfund site prior to signing rental agreements. In response Senator Perkins drafted legislation to enhance notification to tenants and the public and increased penalties for violations of Environmental law. Additionally, Senator Perkins held the public forum to bring the impacted community and the responsible government agencies (the Department of Environmental Conservation and the Department of Health) together to discuss this issue and to develop solutions whether through additional legislation to be sponsored by the Senator or through better procedures to be used by the agencies in their oversight of owners of superfund sites.

II. Toxic History of 2350 Fifth Avenue

2350 Fifth Avenue, was originally built as a Borden Company ice cream factory which required the installation of insulating materials for refrigeration. It was later used as an industrial laundry and dry cleaning company which utilized tetrachloroethylene (PCE or perc) which is classified as a hazardous material and was absorbed into the slab insulation materials and ground soil. In 1998, it was subsequently classified by the DEC as a class 2 Superfund Site. The site was then renovated for use as public school 141, but was only utilized as such for a short time as it was determined not to be safe for children to attend

school there. A local church also occupied the building for a brief time before vacating it due to concerns over air quality. To date, the site is only in the beginning stages of the remediation process. Yet, 2350 Fifth Avenue, is currently sublet for use as an art studio, office space and gym where the subtenants have unlimited access to their space with some subtenants utilizing their space as an apartment.

III. List of Witnesses

The following parties were in attendance and provided testimony during the hearing:

Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) :

The DEC was represented by

- Venetia Lanon, DEC Region 2 Director
- ✤ Jane O'Connell, DEC Region 2 Manager
- Steven Russo, Counsel

Department of Health (DOH):

- Dawn Hettrick
- Ed Marcano

Enviromental Advocates:

- Peggy Shepard, Executive Director of West Harelm Environmental Action (WE ACT)
- Lenny Siegel, President of the Committee of Public Environmental Oversight (CPEO)
- ✤ Lawrence Schnapf, Environmental Attorney

Current and Former Tenants

- ✤ Albert Elkerson
- ✤ Wayne Hodge
- ✤ Alexis Neider
- Risa Schneider
- Sharon Thomson

IV. Summary of the Public Forum

The Forum began with opening remarks from Senator Bill Perkins. During the Forum testimony was provided by the President of the CPEO, Lenny Siegel, followed by WE ACT Executive Director Peggy Shepard, next a panel of the DEC and DOH staff including Jane O'Connell, Steven Russo, and Venetia Lanon, and last but certainly not

least, a panel made up of former and current tenants Albert Elkerson, Risa Schneider, Alexis Neider, Sharon Thomson, Wayne Hodge and environmental lawyer Lawrence Schnapf.

<u>Lenny Siegel</u>

President of CPEO, Lenny Siegel, explained the impact of air and water contamination at superfund sites and toxic chemical plumes in general and in New York State. He also discussed the different standards for the toxic chemical PCE which is present at 2350. He explained that the EPA standard for PCE in the air is stricter than the standard in New York and is based on lifetime cancer risk. He also explained that California has the best standard also based on lifetime cancer risk and that the NYS DOH has the least strict guideline which should be evaluated considering that the federal government and California have better standards. Mr. Siegel suggested that the owners of superfund sites be required by law to post signs on the entryway of the building. He suggested that the sign indicate that the site is managed by a DEC ordered remediation plan and who should be contacted if an individual wants further information. Additionally, he suggested that Senator Perkins draft legislation to mandate that there be a Community Advisory board established for all State Superfund Sites. The DEC would be required to keep the Board informed about the status and progress of superfund sites and the Board would in turn pass the information along to the impacted community.

<u>Peggy Shepard</u>

Peggy Shepard spoke to the inadequacy of DEC's efforts to keep the community informed about the superfund site at 2350 Fifth Avenue. Peggy Shepard advised that DEC hosted a public hearing on the superfund site in 2011 and that she was the only person who attended it as other members of the community did not know anything about it. She also explained that DEC is required to create a Citizen Participation Plan. The purpose of the Citizen Participation Plan is to keep the surrounding community where a superfund is located informed of the status of the site and any ongoing remediation and should incorporate principals of environmental justice.

Peggy Shepard suggested that the Senator draft legislation to mandate that the DEC notify elected officials, and community leaders in communities where State Superfund Sites are located. She also suggested the posting of signs as soon as the DEC begins investigating whether a site should be a State Superfund Site and that the sign should remain posted until the site is no longer toxic. She also suggested that communities where State Superfund Sites are located be notified that they are entitled to obtain a Temporary Assistance Grant to hire a experts to explain the State Superfund Sites and the entire State Superfund Site process. She also suggested that a special registry be created to track the

addresses of State Superfund Sites to prevent another landlord from changing a site's address to hide its toxic status.

DEC and DOH Joint Panel

The DEC and DOH appeared as a joint panel. DEC gave extensive background on the construction of the building at 2350 Fifth Avenue, explaining that it is technically three connected buildings. They gave details on the history of how the building became toxic. They explained that the toxic dry cleaning chemicals entered into the ground soil which then contaminated both the air and the water. DEC further explained the process by which the site was designated a superfund site. They explained that they were less concerned with the water contamination because New York City's water supply comes from upstate and not from local water. DEC explained that there were immediate temporary fixes put in place to address the air quality contamination caused by the release of toxic vapor from the soil and that DEC continues to monitor the air quality. DEC also explained that they would do additional air quality testing in the surrounding residential neighborhoods.

DEC explained the Citizen Participation Plan involves factsheets generally explaining what a superfund site is and the status of the superfund site are sent out to all elected officials and to members of the impacted community. However DEC explained that they rely on the company responsible for cleaning up the State Superfund Site to notify tenants and occupants of the building and simply accept a statement from the responsible company that the fact sheets were sent out. DEC admitted that this may not be the best way to notify and keep the community informed as the responsible company had failed to do so with regard to subtenants and occupants. DEC also stated that the responsible company failed to inform them that these individuals were even leasing space in the building until recently. Essentially DEC admitted shortcomings in their ability to effectively monitor the 2350 site and attributed the problem to lack of funding. DEC promised to work with Senator Perkins and the community investigating the landlord, and the responsible party, the 2350 Fifth Avenue Corporation and that they had been penalized in the past.

The DOH explained that their role in the State Superfund Site overview and management process is to assess the public health risk. The DOH explained that they have not reassessed their guideline for PCE in indoor air because there are currently reviewing other more hazardous contaminants and have limited resources. The DOH stated that because of the forum their PCE guideline is definitely on their radar for review but could not give a specific deadline for the review. When asked directly if the building at 2350

was safe for use, DOH stated that their toxicologists believe that it is safe for people to be in the building.

Former and Current Tenants and Lawrence Schnapf

All of the tenants past and present stated that they were outraged that the landlord changed the address on the building. They explained that they did not receive fact sheets until May of this year when a fellow tenant Albert Elkerson effectively blew the whistle on 2350 Fifth Avenue as a superfund site. This is a direct violation of the Citizen Participation Plan and tenants wanted to know if the landlord had been penalized. Tenants stated that they witnessed the immediate air quality system put in place to try to decontaminate the air and that it was in very poor condition, held together with duct tape. Some tenants explained that they had been in the building while remediation had been ongoing and suffered adverse health effects because of it. Tenants raised concern and expressed outrage that children, in some cases their own children had been inside the building. Tenants explained that one of their fellow tenants had been pregnant while in the building. There were also concerns raised as to whether the toxin could contaminate personal property stored in the building that would later be brought home. Tenants inquired about potentially establishing a tenant protection fund and a tenant bill rights.

Environmental lawyer, Lawrence Schnapf, discussed how proper disclosure of a site's superfund site is a problem throughout the country. He advised that New York State was the first state to look into air quality issues at State Superfund Sites, however he advised that California has a better screening process. He stated that all in all New York had a generally good program for air quality in superfund sites, but the problem lies in the unclear language of the laws regulating superfund sites, because it does not explicitly state that subtenants be notified. Mr. Schnapf suggested the creation of stronger mechanisms of enforcement for failure to notify and also suggested creating legislation to require sellers to disclose if their property is within a certain mile radius of superfund site.

V. Proposed Legislation Ideas

Senator Perkins is currently reviewing the following suggestions made at the Public Forum for possible legislation:

- Require DEC to notify tenants and occupants about the potential risks at a Superfund Site at the earliest investigation stage of the process.
- Set a timeframe for the DOH to match New York's PCE regulations with the Federal EPA regulations and standards or an even higher standard like in California.

- Require a sign at the entryway of the building, notifying people that the site is undergoing remediation or that it is undergoing an environmental investigation.
- Require DEC to form a community advisory board so that tenants and occupants are aware of the process, and are able to participate more fully with the Citizen Participation Plan.
- Require that the Citizen Participation Plan be made public.
- Create a stronger mechanism for enforcement against violations for notification.
- Require a Bill of Rights for tenants and occupants situated at a State Superfund Site outlining what a Superfund site is, how that may affect people in the building, and if necessary, an additional warning to at-risk communities (pregnant women, elderly, children).
- Require sellers to disclose if their property is within a certain mile radius of a State Superfund Site (also required in New Jersey).

VI. Follow- up and Conclusion

Senator Perkins was encouraged by the participation of the DEC and DOH but believes that this is just a first step on a very long journey. It is Senator Perkins' goal to ensure that New York State has the best procedures and practices regarding State Superfund Sites so that the public health and environment of New York is fully protected. To that end, Senator Perkins has sent follow-up letters to the DEC and DOH requesting additional information that was not provided at the hearing. He has also reached out to the New York State Attorney General Eric T. Schneiderman by letter, respectfully asking him to investigate both the 2350 Fifth Avenue Corporation and the DEC handling of the oversight and management of the superfund at 2350 Fifth Avenue as well as Superfund Sites throughout the state. He is also in contact with WE ACT, CPEO and Lawrence Schnapf to continue to improve and develop further legislative fixes. Included with the report are copies of the letters sent to the DEC, DOH and Attorney General Schneiderman and original legislation drafted by Senator Perkins in response to this issue. For additional information and updates please visit Senator Perkins' website at: **perkins.nysenate.gov**.

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Joe Martens, Commissioner New York State Department of Environmental Conservation 625 Broadway Albany, NY 12233

Re: Public Forum on Superfund Site at 2350 Fifth Avenue August 17, 2012

Dear Commissioner Martens:

I want to thank your staff for attending the public forum I sponsored on the Superfund site located at 2350 Fifth Avenue in my district. The purpose of the forum was to discuss current owner disclosure requirements for leasing and subleasing space located on a State Superfund Site, and to consider legislative proposals to enhance those requirements and further protect the safety and well being of New York residents. The participation of your staffers was both valuable and informative for the public as well as for myself.

Other attendees at the hearing included:

- Peggy Shepard, Executive Director of West Harlem Environmental Action (WE ACT)
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While the participation of all the attendees including your staff was essential and greatly appreciated there were several questions and concerns that were left outstanding. Particularly, I requested documentation of all penalties imposed on the 2350 Fifth Avenue Corporation, additional information on the requirements of the Community Participation Plan and DEC involvement in overseeing the plan, and a report of the status all superfund sites located in my district.

I, again, thank you for your cooperation and look forward to your response to this very important matter.

Sincerely, Bill Perkins, State Senator 30th Senatorial District

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Nirav R. Shah, Commissioner New York State Department of Health Coming Tower Empire State Plaza Albany, NY 12247

Re: Public Forum on Superfund Site at 2350 Fifth Avenue August 17, 2012

Dear Commissioner Shah:

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While the participation of all the attendees including your staff was essential and greatly appreciated there were several questions and concerns that were left outstanding. Particularly, I am concerned that the DOH's guideline for tetrachloroethylene (PCE) levels in indoor air are higher than the levels set by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Furthermore, PCE levels set by the state of California are even more stringent than those set by the EPA. I would like to respectfully request that DOH promptly implement a new standard for acceptable indoor air PCE levels that match EPA standard or the stricter standard set by California.

I, again, thank you for your cooperation and look forward to continuing to work with you and your office on to this very important matter.

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Attorney General Eric T. Schneiderman Office of the Attorney General The Capitol Albany, NY 12224

Rc: Public Forum on Superfund Site at 2350 Fifth Avenue August 17, 2012

Dear Attorney General Schneiderman:

I write to you regarding a pressing environmental justice issue and grave shortcomings in governmental oversight that needs your attention and investigation. I held a public forum on a class 2 superfund site, located in my district at 2350 Fifth Avenue on Friday, August 17, 2012. This issue was first brought to my attention by my constituent, Mr. Albert Elkerson, who was a former subtenant of 2350 Fifth Avenue. Mr. Elkerson informed me that he and well over 100 other subtenants were not informed that the building where they leased space is class 2 superfund site currently undergoing remediation.

The purpose of the forum was to discuss current owner disclosure requirements for leasing and subleasing space located on a State Superfund Site, and to consider legislative proposals to enhance those requirements and further protect the safety and well being of New York residents. According to the Department of Environmental Conservation a class 2 superfund site "poses a significant public health risk" and "requires action". ECL §27-2405 mandates that owners of a superfund site provide notice to tenants in the lease agreement in "at least twelve point type in bold face on the first page: "NOTIFICATION OF TEST RESULTS The property has been tested for contamination of indoor air: test results and additional information are available upon request". However, this law has dangerous ambiguities with regard to subleases and other documents that convey a possessory interest in property.

The forum was attended by staff from the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), Department of Health (DOH); Peggy Shepard, Executive Director of West Harlem Environmental Action (WE ACT); Lenny Siegel, President of Committee for Public Environmental Oversight; Lawrence Schnapf, Environmental Lawyer; Current and former tenants of 2350. During the forum it became apparent the DEC and DOH have been severely lacking in the performance of their duties of overseeing and managing the superfund site at 2350 Fifth Avenue. This gives rise to the question as to whether the issue of poor management and oversight goes beyond Harlem and is pervasive throughout the entire state. Particularly, what came to light is the blind trust placed in landlords to notify tenants of the designation of a site as a superfund and to keep tenants informed of the progression of the remediation. The landlord and responsible party under the law, 2350 Fifth Avenue Corp failed on both counts. In fact the landlord went to great lengths to subvert the fact that 2350 Fifth Avenue was a superfund site by changing the address to 2340 Fifth Avenue.

All of the forum attendees provided a host of information and ideas that I plan to incorporate into legislation which will enhance notice requirements and community outreach for the duration of the designation and remediation of a superfund site. Particularly the legislative proposals consist of: earlier notification to tenants and the surrounding community about the designation of a site as a superfund site and the public health risks associated with a superfund site, the establishment of a community advisory board, and augmented enforcement mechanisms for the DEC to address notification violations.

While the participation of all the attendees including DEC and DOH staffer was essential and greatly appreciated there were several questions and concerns that were left outstanding. To that end, I have sent letters to both DEC and DOH requesting that those outstanding issues and concerns be addressed. Particularly, I requested documentation of all penalties imposed upon the 2350 Fifth Avenue Corporation from the DEC. However, I think in addition to legislative fixes and my follow-up that this issue should be investigated by your office in terms of both the shortcomings in DEC oversight and the potentially fraudulent behavior of 2350 Fifth Avenue Corporation.

I have enclosed carbon copies of the letters sent to DEC and DOH and a site map of 2350 Fifth Avenue for your review. This issue is of paramount importance to me and the constituents in my district, please feel free to contact me at 212-222-7315 for any additional information you may need on this matter.

Sincerely, Senatorial District

Enclosures: Letter to NYS DEC from Senator Perkins Letter to NYS DOH from Senator Perkins Site Map of 2350 Fifth Avenue

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Section 1. Subdivisions 2 and 3 of section 27-2405 of the environ mental conservation law, as added by chapter 521 of the laws of 2008,
 are amended to read as follows:

2. (a) Any owner of real property or any owner's agent to whom indoor 5 air contamination test results have been provided by an issuer shall, in 6 cases where test results exceed department of health indoor air guide. 7 lines or the occupational safety and health administration guidelines 8 for indoor air quality, provide a fact sheet and timely notice of any 9 public meetings required to be held to discuss such results to all 10 tenants and occupants and upon request such test results and any closure 11 letter, within fifteen days of receipt of such results. Generic fact 12 sheets shall be prepared by the department of health and shall identify 13 at a minimum the compound or contaminant of concern, reportable 14 detection levels established by the department of health indoor air guidelines or the occupational safety and health administration guide-15 16 lines for indoor air quality and health risks associated with exposure 17 to such compound or contaminant and a means to obtain more information 18 on the compound or contaminant.

19 (b) Any tenant who is notified that test results exceed department of 20 health indoor air guidelines or the occupational safety and health 21 administration guidelines for indoor air guality pursuant to paragraph (a) of this subdivision shall provide such information to subtenants who 22 sublet such property. Tenants shall provide such information to any 23 24 prospective subtemant prior to the signing of a binding lease agreement. 25 3. For real property for which an engineering control is in place to 26 mitigate indoor air contamination, or if the real property is subject to 27 ongoing monitoring pursuant to an ongoing remedial program, the owner or 29 owner's agent of real property to whom indoor air contamination test

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17 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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to amend the environmental conservation law, in relation to notices required to be posted at inactive hazardous waste disposal sites

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

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Section 1. The opening paragraph of subdivision 1 of section 27-1305
 of the environmental conservation law, as amended by section 3 of part E
 of chapter 1 of the laws of 2003, is amended to read as follows:

4 The department shall maintain and make available for public 5 inspection, either at each of its regional offices and regional sub-offices, at the legislative library, at the office of the county clerk or 6 register for each county and at the office of the town clerk for each 7 town in Suffolk and Nassau counties, or on its homepage on the internet, 8 a registry of inactive hazardous waste disposal sites in such region or, 9 with respect to the office of the county clerk or register, in such 10 county. The department shall provide a written copy upon requests by any 11 person. The department shall take all necessary action to ensure that 12 the registry provides a complete and up-to-date listing of all such 13 14 sites within the region. The department shall, on or before January 15 first, two thousand four, and annually thereafter, transmit the updated registry to the legislative library, the legislature and the governor. A 16 notice of the availability of the updated registry shall be sent to the 17 department of health and the chief executive officer of every county. 18 Upon identification of an inactive hazardous waste disposal site not 19 20 included in the registry for the immediately preceding year, the department shall notify in writing the chief executive officer of each county, 21 city, town and village and the public water supplier which services the 22 area in which such site is located that such site has been so identi-23 24 fied. For the purposes of this section, "water supplier" shall mean any public water system as such term is defined for the purposes of the 25 sanitary code of the state of New York as authorized by section two 26 hundred twenty-five of the public health law. Such registry shall 27

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3 \$ 2. Section 27-1313 of the environmental conservation law is amended 4 by adding a new subdivision 5-a to read as follows: 5 5-a. Upon designation of any level one or level two inactive hazardous waste disposal site as being subject to an inactive hazardous waste site 6 7 remedial program pursuant to this section, the department shall imme-8 diately post and maintain public notices at and around such site. Such notices shall be conspicuously posted and shall be in not less than 16 9 10 point font bold print, and include: 11 a. the class of the inactive hazardous waste site; b. the public health risks, and other concerns and risks associated 12 13 with such class of inactive hazardous waste sites; c. the stage of remediation that the site is currently in, which shall 15 be timely updated to reflect progress in remediation; d. identification and location of all records relating to such site; 17 <u>and</u> e. contact information for the department and the department of health for the purpose of acquiring further information or expressing concerns

relating to such site. 20

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\$ 3. This act shall take effect on the first of January next succeed-21 22 ing the date on which it shall have become a law.

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1 include but need not be limited to those items among the following which

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Legislative Bill Drafting Commission 16448-01-2

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Assembly

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ENVCONLA

(Increases from \$1,000 to \$2,000 the maximum civil penalty that may be imposed for a violation of the environmental conservation law)

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AN ACT

to amend the environmental conservation law, in relation to increasing the maximum civil penalty for violations of such law, and rules, regulations and orders issued pursuant thereto

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S Except as otherwise specifically provided elsewhere in this chapter, a 5 person who violates any provision of this chapter, or any rule, regulation or order promulgated pursuant thereto, or the terms or conditions 7 of any permit issued thereunder, shall be liable to a civil penalty of 6 9 not more than [one] two thousand dollars, and an additional civil penalty of not more than [one] two thousand dollars for each day during which 10 11 each such violation continues. Any civil penalty provided for by this chapter may be assessed following a hearing or opportunity to be heard. 12 § 2. This act shall take effect on the first of January next succeed-13 14 ing the date on which it shall have become a law.

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ENVCONLA (Provides that the civil penalty imposed for a violation of the environmental conservation law shall be not less than \$1,500}

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AN ACT

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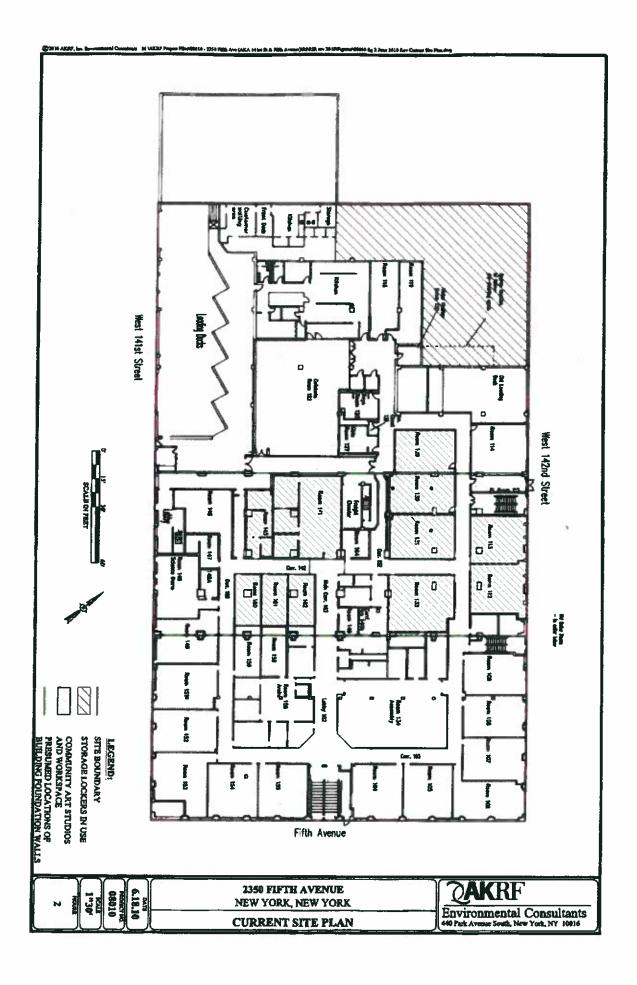
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