

May 25, 2022

Saul Scherl  
President, New York Tri-State Region, Howard Hughes Corporation  
199 Water Street, 28th Floor  
New York, NY 10038

Basil Seggos  
Commissioner, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation  
625 Broadway  
Albany, NY 12233

**Subject: Air Pollution Mitigation at 250 Water Street**

Dear Mr. Scherl and Commissioner Seggos,

We write to you as the developer and state oversight agency of the remediation and construction project at 250 Water Street, urging you to prioritize the health and wellbeing of students, teachers, and residents of the Seaport by taking further measures to mitigate air pollution during remediation and foundation phases of work.

The project (DEC Site Code C231127, DOB Job Number M00632762) includes remediation of 22 toxic soil contaminants including high concentrations of mercury as part of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation's ("NYCDEC") Brownfield Cleanup Program. We understand that certain mitigation actions have been and will be implemented to mitigate air pollution related to remediation and construction.

However, many families and teachers living and working directly adjacent to the site continue to share deep concerns over the safety of remediation work happening so close to residences and schools. While monitoring is crucial, direct air exposure to contaminated soils as they are excavated warrants as much protection as can be provided during remediation. Given the nature of this project and the collaboration that has happened thus far, we believe fully covering the site during remediation and foundation work is possible and would prove the agreed upon commitments to safety and health of residents as they live, work, and teach in the Seaport.

We demand that the site be completely covered during remediation and foundation work to best mitigate any potential air pollution. Please contact Conor Allerton from the office of Council Member Christopher Marte at [callerton@council.nyc.gov](mailto:callerton@council.nyc.gov) with any questions or responses.

Sincerely,

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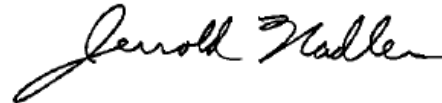
Christopher Marte  
New York City Council Member

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Mark Levine  
Manhattan Borough President

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Yuh-Line Niou  
New York State Assemblymember

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Jerrold Nadler  
United States Congressman