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The primary clean-up of the Binghamton State Office Building drew to a conclusion on April 1, 1983 in the upper area of the building (floors 2 - 18).

As this activity concluded, workers began to remove the vinyl tile and ceramic floors from the building beginning on the 17th floor and working down to ground level. The 18th floor carpeting had been previously removed. At the rate of one floor per day, the floor removal program should be completed in mid-May.

The taking of air samples in the HVAC zone covering the 2nd through 8th floors is scheduled for mid-April, with laboratory test results to follow in about six weeks. While air sample analysis is underway in the Department of Health laboratories, we will also be sampling ceiling insulation to identify what levels, if any, of PCBs, dioxin, and dibenzofuran exist in that material. These test results, coupled with those of the above described air sampling, should provide meaningful data in the identification of current residual chemical levels which will serve as a guide in the further activities which are scheduled for the Binghamton State Office Building as the rehabilitation project progresses.

In contemplation of placing floors 2 through 18 back on the normal ventilation systems, the State began to develop an air dispersion model to provide an indication of the expected dilution of exhaust air released during normal ventilation. This work is currently underway and the results should be available on or about May 1, 1983. We anticipate that these results will show that the dilution factors of air exhausted at the 6th and 14th floor level, will be mixed with the turbulent air wake of the building in such proportions that no hazard will exist by restoring the ventilation system of the building to the normal operating mode for floors 2 through 18.

Once the results of the air dispersion modeling are known, the Air Pollution Control Systems on the roof of the building will be reconnected so that they will handle air from the basement, sub-basement, and first floor only. To accommodate this reconfiguration, the interior of the building will be physically divided at the second floor level to establish upper and lower work areas, which shall be independent from each other. The interior modifications necessary to establish the two work areas should begin May 15 and be completed on or about June 1.

Beginning early in June, an Environmental Impact Assessment on the restoration of normal ventilation for floors 2 through 18 will be prepared. In response to the Environmental Impact

Assessment anticipated conclusion, we believe that the Department of Environmental Conservation will concur in the restoration of normal ventilation for the upper work area early in June 1983.

The State Health Department has indicated that they anticipate a meeting of the Expert Advisory Panel some time in the second week of June 1983 to confer on all of the activities which have taken place since their last meeting, including confirmation of the re-entry criteria currently in the final stages of development by the Department of Health.

During the period April 1, 1983, through and including much of June, the State's consultants will be evaluating the question of whether or not the furniture and fixtures which were in the State Office Building at the time of the fire can be effectively cleaned and restored to service safely.

Early in June, restoration of normal operation of the HVAC system will occur for floors 2 through 18, in accordance with the previously developed Environmental Impact Assessment and prior concurrence of the Department of Environmental Conservation. As normal operation of the HVAC system is restored in the upper work area of the building, a janitorial cleaning of floors 2 through 18 will begin. We anticipate that this work can be handled expeditiously since workmen will be required to comply with a revised, less stringent, Safety and Health Plan. The final cleaning of the upper area should conclude in mid-November 1983, as should the primary cleaning of floors 1, basement and sub-basement, these latter activities having commenced early in April.

With the completion of the final cleaning of the building, tests will be conducted to determine whether the reoccupancy criteria established by the Departments of Health and Labor have been met.

Assuming an affirmative decision from the Departments of Health and Labor, refurbishing of the facility will commence about November 15, 1983 and continue thereafter for about one year.

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