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ASBESTOS AT WORLD TRADE CENTER

COMMENTATOR: The contractor at the World Trade Center in Lower Manhattan is being accused of continuing to spray asbestos on the frame of the building without complying to the stringent handling of clean-up procedures ordered last week. Asbestos is a dangerous material when sprayed; it gets into one's lungs and according to tests made at Mt. Sinai Hospital, the particles are indestructible and death is inevitable. A show-cause order has been issued the contractor and a hearing is scheduled at this hour in the office of Air Resources Commissioner, Robert Kehlc. Medical research has not as yet determined safe levels of exposure to asbestos, however there is evidence that short exposure at relatively low levels has caused cancer to develop many years after the actual exposure.