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A sub-contractor at the building under construction at 888 Seventh Avenue near 56th Street was served yesterday with a show cause order obtained by the city's Department of Air Resources to stop the spraying of asbestos as an insulating material.

Federico Plastering Company was ordered to stop using its spraying equipment after it failed to comply with strict new regulations on asbestos issued by the department earlier this month.

Similar orders were served last week at the World Trade Center construction site and at 2 New York Plaza in lower Manhattan near the Battery. Contractors at those sites then agreed to find a non-asbestos substitute. The Air Resources Department contends that evidence shows exposure to asbestos fibres causes cancer.

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