

DEP is the joke (20)

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Martin Tower demolition May 19

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Why does the City remain silent on these important questions?

At a minimum, this is a failure of transparency; at worst, it raises a question of whether residents' health & wellbeing will be protected from ingredients known or likely to be in the dust cloud, including lead (from paint), mold spores, fine plastic particles, and the unknown ingredients in the concrete used in the original building. Even small deficiencies in the asbestos removal process would add another set of risks.

City officials take an oath to uphold the Constitution of PA, which includes a provision that 'The people have a right to clean air, pure water, ...'.

Bethlehem has not seen fit to require floor-by-floor demolition as many cities do, and it apparently relies on the DEP to protect the health of people. Anyone who has any experience with DEP knows that is a joke.

Peter

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