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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 11

APRIL 14, 1978

BOARD OF INQUIRY INTO UNDERGROUND SEWER EXPLOSIONS

By the power vested in me as Mayor of The City of New York, it is hereby ordered:

Section 1. *Board Established.* A Board of Inquiry (hereinafter called the Board) into the underground sewer explosions which occurred on March 24, 1978 in the South Bronx is hereby established. The Board shall consist of the Deputy Mayor for Management, who shall act as Chairman, the Police Commissioner, the Fire Commissioner, the Commissioner of Investigation, the Environmental Protection Commissioner and the Corporation Counsel.

§ 2. *Scope of Inquiry.* The Board shall make diligent inquiry into the circumstances surrounding the underground sewer explosions to determine the causes of these injurious events and which persons or organizations bear responsibility for them. The Board shall inquire into the extent to which local, state and federal government agencies have jurisdiction over the operation and management of the sewer system and whether such agencies have properly discharged their duties in connection with the underground sewer explosions. The Board shall make such reports, recommendations and proposals as it deems proper.

§ 3. *Conduct of Inquiry.* The Board, or its staff at the direction of the Board, shall make such inquiries, conduct such investigations and hold such public and private hearings and take such other measures as the members deem appropriate to its inquiry. For such purposes the Board shall have power to take testimony under oath and to require and to enforce by subpoena the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents. The Board shall make reports to the Mayor at such times as the Mayor may direct.

§ 4. *Staff and Expenses.* The Board may appoint such employees and incur such expenses as may be necessary to its inquiry.

§ 5. *Effective Date.* This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

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EDWARD I. KOCH, Mayor.

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