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**NEW YORK CITY OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
(OEM) PROVIDES UPDATE ON CITY'S RESPONSE TO STEAM
PIPE EXPLOSION IN MIDTOWN MANHATTAN**

FROZEN ZONE PERIMETER AND TRAFFIC RESTRICTIONS GREATLY REDUCED

***EAST 42ND STREET ENTIRELY REOPENED TO PEDESTRIANS, BUSINESSES AND
TRAFFIC***

Since last Wednesday, the City of New York has worked around the clock at the scene of the steam pipe explosion in Midtown Manhattan. The City's goal is to quickly allow businesses to reopen, while ensuring that streets and buildings in the area have been inspected for and cleaned of any contaminants.

The City's Office of Emergency Management (OEM) continues to coordinate the response from its Interagency Command Center on Lexington Avenue. The Fire Department (FDNY), Police Department (NYPD), Mayor's Community Assistance Unit (CAU) and the Departments of Environmental Protection (DEP), Buildings (DOB), Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH), Small Business Services (SBS) and Transportation (DOT) are all operating from the scene. They are joined by personnel from ConEdison, New York City Transit, Verizon, the Grand Central Partnership and the American Red Cross.

REDUCTION OF FROZEN ZONE

As cleanup efforts have progressed, the City has greatly reduced the frozen zone. The zone is now roughly 100 feet north, south, east and west of the intersection of East 41st Street and Lexington Avenue.

The immediate vicinity surrounding the frozen zone is restricted to those who have business in the area. Individuals walking east on 41st Street from Park Avenue, west on 41st Street from Third Avenue, south on Lexington Avenue from 42nd Street or north on Lexington Avenue from East 40th Street should be prepared to produce identification.

Those working or visiting buildings in the area should check with the building owner or management company first, as not all properties may be open.

ROADWAY RESTRICTIONS

The City has greatly reduced the number of street closures in the area. Roadway restrictions are:

- Lexington Avenue from East 40th to East 42nd Streets
- East 41st Street from Third Avenue to Park Avenue

The City of New York will remain on scene until cleanup operations are completed and frozen zone restrictions are lifted. Updates on business and pedestrian restrictions, as well as roadway closures, will continue to be provided.

Information on reimbursements from Con Edison is available at www.coned.com, or by calling 212-460-3221.

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