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	SUBJECT	City Council #08-0093R-Invest. Hearing-Decomm., Dismant., and Closure of Haz Mat Site w/i Balto., City





TO

The Honorable Stephanie Rawlings-Blake, President And All Members of the Baltimore City Council City Hall, Room 408 December 15, 2008

The proposed resolution would provide for the purpose of requesting the Baltimore City Fire Chief, the Baltimore Health Commissioner, and the Baltimore City Housing Commissioner to present the inter-agency coordinated process regarding the identification, decommissioning, dismantling, and/or closure of facilities where hazardous materials were produced or used in the manufacturing process; ascertaining the specific responsibilities assigned to each agency and identifying programmatic and authoritative overlap; and making certain that the Baltimore City government response to hazardous material handling, disposal, and containment of buildings with a history of hazardous material is sufficient to protect the lives and property of citizens, workers, and visitors in Baltimore City.

The Fire Department does not object to City Council proposed resolution #08-0093R. The suggested inter-agency coordination plan will help to make certain the city's response to this problem continues to be as efficient and effective as possible. The plan will include existing local, state, and federal regulations regarding hazardous materials. If necessary, it will recommend to the council any new legislation that may be required.

