MANAGING DIRECTOR'S DIRECTIVE NO: 53-

RESPONSE, CLEAN-UP AND DISPOSAL OF HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

This directive updates the procedures outlined in the Managing Director memorandum, "CLEAN-UP AND DISPOSAL OF HAZARDOUS MATERIALS", dated November 12, 1991. This directive is also based on the City of Philadelphia Emergency Operations Plan, the Philadelphia Fire Department Operational Procedure #2 dated November 2000, the City Asbestos Control Regulations, the Pennsylvania Hazardous Material Emergency Planning and Response Act (Act 1990-165), and the Federal and State laws governing hazardous material removal and storage.

Only the Fire Department, and those individuals from other city departments who are trained to identify hazardous materials, will make the determination that any given situation involves hazardous materials. The suspicion that hazardous materials may be present at any location should prompt the immediate notification of the Fire Department by the other city departments. All other departmental responsibilities are outlined in Procedural Instruction No. 44.

The purpose of this Procedural Instruction is to outline the inter-departmental responsibilities of the various City Departments that are involved in hazardous materials response, clean-up and disposal operations on vacant lots, in vacant buildings, and on streets, highways and sidewalks within the City of Philadelphia. Procedural Instruction No. 44 will be immediately implemented by the city departments. This Instruction also applies to other city departments that encounter hazardous materials, or suspected hazardous materials, on their properties, or off their properties, during the performance of their assigned duties.

Managing Director