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EmPower New York

Notification of Possible Presence of Asbestos

EmPower ID: _____ Date: _____

Building Address: _____

During our inspection of this dwelling, we discovered materials that are consistent in appearance to asbestos in the following location(s):

Asbestos is a mineral fiber that in the past was added to a variety of products to strengthen them and to provide heat insulation and fire resistance. The US Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) states that "from studies of people who were exposed to asbestos in factories and ship yards, we know that breathing high levels of asbestos fibers can lead to an increased risk of lung cancer." However, the Commission has also stated that "even if asbestos is present in our home, this is usually NOT a serious problem. The mere presence of asbestos in a home or a building is not hazardous. The danger is that asbestos materials may become damaged over time. Damaged asbestos may release asbestos fibers and become a health hazard" (CPSC Document #453).

Please note that our inspection did not include a test of the material. Therefore **we cannot conclude that it contains asbestos.** Nevertheless, according to our program rules, we must presume that asbestos is present, based on the appearance of the material. This way we err on the side of caution. Because there is a possibility that asbestos may be contained in this material, we will avoid certain measures that might cause asbestos particles to become airborne. For example, our workers will restrict movement in the immediate area of the presumed asbestos. We will not touch or remove materials that may contain asbestos. We will, however, complete other measures in the home that will not affect the suspected asbestos material.

We recommend that you learn more about asbestos risks before taking any action. For more information on asbestos, call the Consumer Products Safety Commission Hotline at 1-800-638-CPSC.

You may also visit the following website: <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpsc/pub/pubs/453.html>

Contractor Representative

Name of Company

I, the undersigned, have received a copy of this document.

Occupant

Date