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Good afternoon,

An article was published earlier this week that provided some incorrect information regarding the eligibility of people who lived along the routes of debris removal from the WTC site.

Individuals who lived along the routes of debris removal are not eligible for VCF awards. That reference has always applied to those individuals who loaded, unloaded, or drove the trucks containing WTC debris, worked on the barges transporting the debris, and/or worked at the Fresh Kills landfill.

The VCF has updated the description of the [NYC Exposure Zone](#) on our website and various references within the Policies and Procedures to address any confusion created by the article.

To be clear, claims should not be submitted for people who lived along the debris removal routes as they do not meet our eligibility requirements for presence at an eligible location.

Our references to those who lived in the NYC Exposure Zone are for those who resided in lower Manhattan below Canal Street.

It is our hope that the updated descriptions will clear up any confusion, and clearly delineate this distinction.

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