

**Federal Building and Fire Safety Investigation
of the World Trade Center Disaster**

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Fire Service Technologies and Guidelines**

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Statistics on Comments Received:

Comments received related to NCSTAR 1-8 on the emergency response operations.

- 24 comments from individuals
- 8 governmental & quasi-governmental entities
- 5 industry
- 4 standards organizations
- 2 building codes organizations

Nature of Comments

- NIST needs to qualify and quantify exactly what is intended by recommendations. Recommendations are too general.
- Given the low probability of major events happening, the question is whether the cost of survivability of buildings, communications systems, and other response recommendations is worth the benefit.
- NIST should carry out a cost analysis for all recommendations.
- NIST needs to identify minimum needs for technology infrastructure and information to manage complex incidents of this type.
- Clarify language concerning NYPD aviation unit's reports about degrading building conditions and building collapse.
- Clarify information on the identification of FDNY radios withdrawn from service in the spring of 2001.

Summary of Significant Changes

Report Content:

- A paragraph was rewritten to clearly state that NYPD aviation units did not predict that WTC 2 was about to collapse but was potentially going to have large pieces of the building falling from the top.
- Statement in report was corrected to say that 400 MHz band radios were withdrawn from service by FDNY in the spring of 2001.

Findings:

- No changes were made to the report findings

Towers Report:

- Approximately six changes, mostly minor changes from NCSTAR 1-8, carried over to the Towers Report.

Questions?