

Cancers Eligible Under 9/11 Fund

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Dozens of cancers will be added to a list of World Trade Center-related illnesses that are eligible for compensation under a federal law aimed at compensating first responders and others who were exposed to contamination from the collapse of the Twin Towers.

The momentous decision [was announced earlier today](#) in a statement by Dr. John Howard, the administrator of the World Trade Center Health Program, which was created under the [James Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Act of 2010](#). Howard had proposed the new rule in June.

The full list of approximately 50 cancers to be included under the new rule can be found [here](#).

The decision comes as the city and country mark the 11th anniversary of the terror attacks that killed nearly 3,000 people on Sept. 11, 2001.

MetroFocus, the magazine of Channel 13, has [put together a guide to various events](#) meant to memorialize the day.

Recent reports have highlighted the ongoing redevelopment of the World Trade Center site, including the stalled construction of the 9/11 museum.

The New York Times [reported over the weekend](#) that a dispute between Mayor Michael Bloomberg and Gov. Andrew Cuomo could delay the opening of the \$1 billion museum beyond 2013.

Journalist Scott Raab took a deep look at the long-gestating redevelopment and the stalled effort to build the 9/11 museum in the most recent issue of Esquire magazine, [writing](#) :

Last year, the Memorial Plaza opened on September 11, the first completed project on the site and one of very few feel-good moments during a decade of rebuilding marred by blown deadlines, public backbiting, and billions of dollars in cost overruns. The plaza finally provided the kin a mourning place, and it also seemed like solid evidence of momentum.

That momentum died not long after last year's ceremony, when the Port Authority of New York & New Jersey, led by Andrew Cuomo and Chris Christie, the governors of the two states, stopped paying the contractors trying to finish work on the Memorial Museum, which was scheduled to open on this year's anniversary. Forget the details for now and focus on a simple fact: The Port and the politicians who run it are pigs.

Architects Newspaper, meanwhile, [took a look at how the trade center site is developing south of Liberty Street](#) , including the design of the St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church and an "above grade park" that will conceal a sophisticated security entrance for vehicles.

The article notes that one iconic sculpture that was damaged in the attacks might be returned to a spot in the park — Fritz Koenig's "Sphere for Plaza Fountain."

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