



**Board of Directors**

Friday, 14 December 2012

Linda Reinstein  
**President**

The Honorable Andrew Cuomo  
The Honorable Chris Christie  
The Honorable Dannel Malloy

Doug Larkin  
**Member at Large**

Dear Governors Cuomo, Christie and Malloy,

Laurie Rice  
**Member at Large**

On behalf of the [Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization](#) (ADAO), as doctors, engineers, scientists, labor leaders, public health organizations, and organizations representing asbestos victims, thank you for your leadership during the Hurricane Sandy rescue and rebuilding efforts. ADAO strongly supports your request to Congress for \$60 billion in essential relief funds for the tri-state region.

Freddi Segal – Gidan,  
**Secretary**

Ellen Tunkelrott,  
**Treasurer**

Mold, cold, and asbestos are on the minds of many. With the holidays a few weeks away, residents want to return safely to their homes, but, seven weeks after Sandy, mountains of debris remain on streets and homeowners face the daunting task of hazardous debris remediation. Most Americans don't know that asbestos is a human carcinogen and are unaware about how to prevent exposure.

**National Spokesperson**

Jordan Zevon

Please join our "[Hurricane Sandy: How to Protect Yourself from Toxic Asbestos Debris](#)," campaign and alert volunteers and homeowners that during clean-up and repair they may encounter dangerous asbestos and must follow [EPA guidelines](#). This information will save lives today and for years to come.

**Science Advisory Board**

The collateral damage from Hurricane Sandy won't be tallied for decades. We can only imagine the health impact from toxic debris exposure.

Arthur L. Frank, MD,  
PhD  
**Co-Chair**

- An estimated 2,600 tons of hazardous asbestos debris was removed after the Joplin, Missouri tornado in 2011.
- An estimated 2,000 tons of asbestos fibers were released into the air after the 9/11 terrorist attacks in 2001.
- The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) estimates that up to 35 million homes, schools, and office buildings contain asbestos materials.
- The U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) reported that U.S. consumption of asbestos increased 13% from 2010 to 2011 in order to meet "manufacturing needs."

Richard Lemen, PhD,  
MSPH  
**Co-Chair**

Dr. Brad Black

Dr. Barry Castleman

Dr. Raja Flores

ADAO invites you to visit our website to see the responses to our question: [What do you want to ask or tell Congress in your Hurricane Sandy 6-word quote?](#) People from around the world are speaking out in support of your constituents.

Dr. Michael Harbut

Dr. Hedy Kindler

ADAO would be honored to serve as a resource to you during the continued recovery efforts. Thank you for your tireless efforts on behalf of public health and safety.

Sincerely,