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**REMARKS OF DOI COMMISSIONER ROSE GILL HEARN REGARDING ANNOUNCEMENT
OF CITY INITIATIVES REGARDING CONCRETE TESTING**

The ongoing probe of the concrete testing industry in the City underscores the far-reaching and costly effect fraud has on construction safety and integrity. Unfortunately, the City and its taxpayers are left to wrestle with the problems left in corruption's wake.

The initiatives announced today are a positive step in an effort to tackle and respond to the natural questions that have arisen from the investigations and resulting criminal indictments. The new lab and specialized concrete unit will give the City what it currently does not have – an ability to scrutinize testing results and confidence in the information it obtains. DOI will be immediately notified of any wrongdoing discovered by the lab, enabling my agency to promptly initiate an investigation. All of this bolsters safety and accountability.

I commend my colleagues here today for these efforts and DOI will continue to work with them to build a strong foundation to detect and stop corruption in its tracks.

Indictments are accusations. Defendants are presumed innocent until proven guilty.

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