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MTA Statement On Throgs Neck Contractor Accident

Around 8 a.m. this morning, a subcontractor working mid-span at the Throgs Neck Bridge on a work platform below the roadway slipped and fell to the water below. The circumstances around this incident are under investigation by MTA Bridges and Tunnels' Health and Safety division, Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), NYPD and the Office of Emergency Management.

NYPD Emergency units, including Harbor and Aviation, as well as the U.S. Coast Guard, searched the area for several hours and the incident is now considered a recovery mission. The identification of the worker, who was employed by subcontractor Nuco Painting Corp., of Islandia, N.Y., will be made by NYPD officials once family notification is made.

The work being done on the bridge was part of a \$25 million, 2-year structural steel rehabilitation project. Contractor El Sol of Queens was working on the first phase of the project, which included the rehabilitation of work platform. Safety harnesses are required by MTA B&T for all workers performing this type of work. All questions regarding the use of safety equipment are part of the ongoing investigation.

MTA Bridges and Tunnels extends its condolences to the worker's family, friends and co-workers.