

- At approximately 2:30 p.m., FDNY gave the order to forego firefighting activity and for personnel to withdraw to a safe distance from the building. This was based on recognition that WTC 7 had already been evacuated, fires were growing in the building, the building had potentially sustained significant structural damage, the building was producing interior noise that indicated potential instability in the structure, FDNY had lost many of its assets that would be needed to fight the fires inside WTC 7, and there was no usable water in lower Manhattan's hydrant system to fight the fires.
- Soon after WTC 1 collapsed, and thus about 10:30 a.m., FDNY observed a fire on the west side of the 7th floor.
- During their multiple reconnaissance trips to the interior of WTC 7, FDNY personnel reported that they did not see any indication of burning liquid fuels before the building collapsed.
- At 4:33 p.m., Con Edison shut off the power at the WTC 7 substation.

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