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## **University Report on 9/11 Building Collapse Contradicts Official Conclusions**

FAIRBANKS, Alaska – The destruction of the 47-story World Trade Center Building 7 (WTC 7) in New York City late in the afternoon of September 11, 2001, was not a result of fires, according to the [final report issued today](#) by researchers at the University of Alaska Fairbanks (UAF) following a four-year computer modeling study of the tower's collapse.

The UAF team's findings contradict those of the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), which concluded in a 2008 report that WTC 7 was the first tall building ever to collapse primarily due to fire.

"Our study found that the fires in WTC 7 could not have caused the observed collapse," said Professor Leroy Hulse, the study's principal investigator. "The only way it could have fallen in the observed manner is by the near-simultaneous failure of every column."

The four-year study was funded by Architects & Engineers for 9/11 Truth (AE911Truth), a nonprofit organization representing more than 3,000 architects and engineers who have signed the organization's petition calling for new investigation into the destruction of the three World Trade Center towers on 9/11.

"We are proud to have supported the University of Alaska Fairbanks and Professor Leroy Hulse in conducting a genuinely scientific study into the reasons for this building's collapse," said Richard Gage, president and founder of AE911Truth. "It is now incumbent upon the building community, the media, and government officials to reckon with the implications of these findings and launch a new full-scale investigation."

The final report, entitled [A Structural Reevaluation of the Collapse of World Trade Center 7](#), includes clarifications and supplemental text based on public comments as well as external review by two independent experts following the release of a draft report by UAF and AE911Truth on September 3, 2019.

"I am grateful to everyone who supported or participated in this study in any way," said Professor Hulse. "We hope that our findings will be carefully looked at by the building community and spur further investigation into how this building came down on that tragic day."

The Hulse report and supporting materials can be found on UAF's Institute of Northern Engineering website at <http://ine.uaf.edu/projects/wtc7/> and on the AE911Truth website at <https://www.ae911truth.org/wtc7>.