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From: Gilsenan, Michael [DEPNET1/DEPGPO2/MichaelGi]
Sent: Monday, February 25, 2002 2:58 PM
To: 'Raffo, Barbara'
Subject: FW: DEP & EPA "walk through" investigations of buildings

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From: Gilsenan, Michael
 Sent: Monday, February 25, 2002 2:57 PM
 To: Kelly McKinney
 Cc: 'avaltroniR@dep.nyc.gov'; 'barbarar@dep.nyc.gov';
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 Subject: RE: DEP & EPA "walk through" investigations of buildings

DEP/EPA have been focusing on the exterior of buildings only (mainly it has been a DEP initiative). The exterior surveys have included roof tops, facades and set backs. DEP has a Phase I survey and a Phase II survey with follow-ups. Phase I included approximately 255 buildings and included buildings within the following boundary: Battery Place (south) to Chambers Street(north)to the Hudson River west to Broadway (east). Phase II included approximately 200 buildings within the following boundaries: Broadway (west) to Pearl Street (east) to Brooklyn Bridge (north) and Beaver Street (south). The Phase II survey was just completed last Thursday and will be collated this week. Phase I identified 107 buildings with debris (mostly in-cased debris from reforming) on identified surfaces. These 107 buildings will have follow-ups initiated this week. Building owners in both these phases have been notified by letter that assessments and proper cleanup are their responsibility and must be undertaken. In addition to the above letter, the 107 buildings with debris have been visited by DEP personnel this past weekend and given the assessment/cleanup notice. Again, this has been done for the exterior of buildings only. This is just the short version of what has been done.

- 1) Regarding DEP investigations, you can call Krish Radhakrishnan, Director of Asbestos Control, at 718-595-3718.
- 2) As stated before, we have not looked at indoor space during this survey and have not differentiated between commercial/residential.
- 3) All have been within the ten block radius.
- 4) We started at ground zero and worked out. Depending on our finding, we have a Phase III that might move the boundaries.
- 5) City Planning has not been involved in this effort.

DEP has been responding to individual complaints called into our DEP Helpline. Since the Senate hearing, DEP has received 43 complaints for indoor spaces. We have closed 30 complaints to date; and out of those 30 our inspectors have found no dust in the complainants' apartments. The other 13 cases have all been contacted numerous times and we will continue to followup. Please note: This is also the short version.

c: Caroline Bragdon (via fax)

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From: Kelly McKinney [mailto:kmckinne@health.nyc.gov]
 Sent: Monday, February 25, 2002 11:02 AM
 To: michaelgi@dep.nyc.gov; Caroline Bragdon
 Cc: Nancy Jeffery
 Subject: Re: DEP & EPA "walk through" investigations of buildings

Caroline,

The contact at DEP is Michael Gilsenan 718-595-4543.

Hey Mike, can you comment on the questions below?

>>> Caroline Bragdon 02/25/02 09:59AM >>>

Hi Kelly,

In H. Clinton's recent hearing one of her requests was that more indoor investigations be done of WTC residences & buildings within a 10-block radius of the WTC. We know that DEP/EPA has been conducting walk through investigations, but have no info as to the details. Nancy asked that I collect the following information for Dana Tulis at EPA.

1. Contact person at DEP for investigations
2. How many residential units & buildings have been investigated?
3. How many inside and outside the 10-block radius?
4. How did they choose where to investigate?
5. Has City Planning been involved -- who is the contact?

Sorry for all the questions -- I can follow up with the appropriate person at DEP once I know who to call. Thanks.

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