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Please provide any comments.

- The following COCs are still under consideration
 - gypsum
 - Lime
 - calcite
 - portlandite
- The following COCs are candidates for deletion
 - PCBs
 - PBDEs
 - chromium
 - cadmium
 - mercury
 - benzene
 - mold
- Clearance level will be the higher of background or long-term risk-based numbers
- The workgroup will provide the reasoning behind making a COC a candidate for deletion.
- Background levels are needed for data analysis.
- A recommendation was made to take PAHs off the COC list. However, the existing data should be reviewed before that decision can be made.
- Although no longer airborne, there may be depositions of PAHs and dioxin on surfaces inside the buildings.
- Objectives of the pilot clean-up will include
 - to determine the level of clean-up required to reduce COCs
 - determine how COCs relate to the WTC
 - develop criteria for settled as well as airborne dust
- The workgroup will establish risk-based COC levels by the next meeting.
- The workgroup will have a revised list of COC candidates for deletion by next the next meeting (CNOC - contaminants of no concern).
- A list should be developed of COCs of historical concerns (COHC).

2. Background Study

- Background levels are needed.
- The pilot background study will be a small volume of samples
- EPA will take the lead on designing the study
- EPA will review the indoor air quality data they have available. EPA Region 5 has indoor air quality data on their website. EPA Region 2 will review that information as well.
- A recommendation was made that environmental consultants throughout the city should be approached for their existing indoor air data.
- A consistent sampling method is required.

3. The Need for Peer Review/Science Advisory Panel

- Peter said EPA already has a contractor lined up to start the work and there are funds available to support it.

- Submitting our reports and plans for peer review would help gain credibility.
- A recommendation was made that our critics can select panelists.
- Peer review always adds more time to the process.
- Peter Grevatt will provide examples of how the process worked in other situations.
- This process would be useful if it can be made to work.
- Need to decide what would be peer-reviewed, whole approach or single issues

4. Plan for Pilot Clean-up

- The plan is to sample-clean-sample using HEPA vacuuming, regular vacuuming, and wet washing.
- Will start with the broader COC list
- Will continue to work through NYC for list of buildings and accessibility.
- Recommendation made that pilot effort try to evaluate dust exposure to an individual while cleaning.
- There were 10 buildings identified as untouched in the Greenwich Street/Cedar Street/Liberty Street and Church Street area.
- NYC's legal department will coordinate with EPA's Office of Regional Counsel regarding this information.
- The exteriors need to be cleaned before the Pilot clean-up can be done inside the buildings.
- Questions will be asked about what the exposure risk was to those who already performed self-cleaning.
- OSHA's personal monitoring data collected during earlier cleaning activities shows very low levels. OSHA will share this data with the workgroup.
- ATSDR will be providing a report to the workgroup in May.

5. Status of NYCDEP Efforts for Building Clean-up

- 258 buildings have been sampled. Bulk and air samples have been taken. Report shared with group.
- There is existing data available for NYC-owned or leased buildings.
- Bids are due next week for the air monitoring contracts associated with the exterior building clean-ups.
- NYC will provide a map of the clean-up area.
- All buildings in the area are being cleaned regardless of contamination levels.
- Some building owners did their own exterior cleaning. NYC will visually inspect these buildings prior to cleaning or removing them from the list.
- The workgroup needs to come up with a communication plan to respond to the public when asked about public exposure during clean-up activities.

Note: All data supplied to the workgroup at this time is for internal use only.

Next meeting: April 4, 2002 at 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM @ 290 Broadway.

efficacy and safety of cleaning

Items for FEMA scope of work

Business Group – coordinated by D/M Econ Dev through Laurel Blatchford

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Participants: EDC, D/M Econ Devel, DBS, LMDC

Health Effects Group – coordinated by DOH through Jim Miller (jmiller@health.nyc.gov)

Participants: City DOH, HHS, OSHA, ATSDR, CDC, PESH, FDNY, NIOSH, State DOH

Issues to examine:

Registries

Studies

“science” – what can and can’t it do?

Summarize data

Interpret data

Recommend testing?

Recommend cleaning?

Prioritize geographic areas for any testing/cleaning

Criteria for cleaning companies

Items for FEMA scope of work

Buildings Group – coordinated by Sam Benson at OEM (sbenson@oem.nyc.gov)

Next meeting – Monday, 18 March, 9 am at OEM, 11 Water Street in Brooklyn

Participants: OEM, DOB, DOH, NYCHA, HPD, DEP, DCAS, MOO, Landmarks, DOITT

Issues to examine:

Inventory of buildings

Current status of structures

Destroyed

Damaged

Debris

Not reinhabited?

Summary of sampling and clean-up information for each building

Indoor cleaning recommendations

Data presentation

Items for FEMA scope of work

Public Confidence/ Outreach/ Media Group – coordinated by D/M Econ Dev through Laurel

Blatchford (lblatchford@cityhall.nyc.gov)

Next meeting – Monday, 18 March, 2 pm at 100 Gold Street, 2 Floor, Manhattan Room

Participants: D/M Econ Dev, Mayor’s Press Office, CAU, DOH, ATSDR, DOT, DEP, EPA,

OSHA, MOO, Port Authority, Intergovernmental, DOITT

Issues to examine:

Respond to complaints/testimony

Press announcements

Timing

One place for information

Web site

Public participation

Data presentation

Air quality index?

Items for FEMA scope of work

Diesel Emissions Reduction – coordinated through DEC/MOEC

Participants: DEC, MOEC, City DOT, DDC, DEP, OMB, EPA, NESCAUM

This group is already running.

PCP's
Dioxins
PAH's
lead
chromium
benzene

See if we can get results from
reports that we have

Thurs 10:00 AM

MARK
JIM

as we get them