

Avaltroni, Robert

From: Hagerty, Steve [Steve.Hagerty@fema.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, December 18, 2002 9:05 AM
To: 'ravaltroni@dep.nyc.gov'
Cc: Gair, Brad; 'mmarroco@oem.nyc.gov'; 'levinem@omb.nyc.gov'; Melnick, Walter;
 'levyd@omb.nyc.gov'; 'larsonb@omb.nyc.gov'
Subject: RE: Criteria for Cleaning Requests

Bob,

Are you in agreement with this approach? It is similar to the approach we used for determining the eligibility of the Stuyvesant cleaning. If not, please contact Brad at 646-746-1888.

Thanks,
 Steve

-----Original Message-----

From: Hagerty, Steve
Sent: Sunday, December 08, 2002 2:00 PM
To: 'ravaltroni@dep.nyc.gov'
Cc: Gair, Brad; 'mmarroco@oem.nyc.gov'; 'levinem@omb.nyc.gov'; Melnick, Walter
Subject: FW: Criteria for Cleaning Requests

Bob,

FEMA has received several requests from applicants such as CUNY, BOE, etc. to replace upholstery, remove and replace dirt in flowerbeds, and clean ventilation systems. The FRO's position is to fund such cleaning projects that DEP deems necessary to eliminate an immediate threat to health, life, and safety. For instance, when Stuyvesant wanted to clean its ventilation system Brad requested your Department's review and approval prior to funding. Since we are receiving several other similar requests (i.e., where the cleaning has not yet begun and the work appears to be predicated on federal funding), we would like to establish the criteria described below. This will ensure that the City is aware of and supportive of the agency's proposed project and offer FEMA a greater level of assurance that the project is necessary.

I envision that once this criteria is agreed upon, OMB and the FEMA Project Officers will notify the applicable agencies that any cleaning type project must be vetted by DEP prior to the preparation of the Project Worksheet. It would be the agency's responsibility to notify DEP, specifically your office, of the proposed project. I'm aware of approximately 5 of these types of projects.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact either Brad or me.

Thanks,
 Steve

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-----Original Message-----

From: Levine, Michele [mailto:LevineM@omb.nyc.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, December 04, 2002 2:13 PM
To: Hagerty, Steve

Cc: Larson, Bud
Subject: FW: Criteria for Cleaning Requests

Steve:

Per discussion with Bud, while we do not have any conceptual disagreement with the proposed policy, certainly DEP would need to be fully in agreement with their proposed role. Based on the below e-mail, that does not appear to be the case at this time.

- Michele

-----Original Message-----

From: Avaltroni, Robert [mailto:ravaltroni@dep.nyc.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, December 04, 2002 1:57 PM
To: 'Hagerty, Steve'; Larson, Bud; Levine, Michele;
'mmarroco@omb.nyc.gov'; Avaltroni, Robert; 'mmarraco@oem.nyc.gov'
Cc: Melnick, Walter; Gray, Beth; Ward, Chris
Subject: RE: Criteria for Cleaning Requests

Steve,

This is the first I have heard of any such issues.

Bob

-----Original Message-----

From: Hagerty, Steve [mailto:Steve.Hagerty@fema.gov]
Sent: Monday, November 25, 2002 7:35 PM
To: 'larsonb@omb.nyc.gov'; 'levinem@omb.nyc.gov';
'mmarroco@omb.nyc.gov'; 'avaltronir@dep.nyc.gov'; 'mmarraco@oem.nyc.gov'
Cc: Melnick, Walter; 'grayb@omb.nyc.gov'
Subject: Criteria for Cleaning Requests
Importance: High

Bud, Michele, Bob, MaryAnn,

Due to the continued requests for cleaning, primarily from BoE and CUNY, we would like to make effective, upon your approval, the criteria described below. This will allow you to keep apprised of requests from your city agencies and allow us a level of comfort that NYC DEP (and DoH as necessary) has approved.

Please provide me with your feedback so I can finalize and distribute.

I would like to finalize before Thanksgiving.

Thanks,
Steve

Criteria [To be placed in next Public Assistance Program Guidance document and sent to applicants by either FEMA or NYC OMB/OEM]

If an eligible applicant identifies a facility that requires testing for contamination after the emergency work completion deadline of September 10, 2002, the following steps must be taken in order to be considered for FEMA reimbursement:

1. The applicant must submit its test results and any analyses to the NYC Department of Environmental Protection

2. The DEP will (1) Review the results and analyses, (2) Consult with NYC's Dept. of Health if necessary, (3) Submit in writing to FEMA, under signature of Robert Alvatroni, Deputy Commissioner, its concurrence that contamination is present at a hazardous level, along with the test results, and provide a recommendation for remediation.

3. FEMA will review the applicant's request and DEP's recommendations.
If FEMA finds the request and remediation recommendations reasonable and necessary, FEMA will grant an emergency work time extension and prepare a PW for the cost of testing and remediation.

-----Original Message-----

From: Levine, Michele [mailto:LevineM@omb.nyc.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, December 17, 2002 8:55 AM
To: Hagerty, Steve
Cc: Larson, Bud; Gray, Beth; Diaz, Mariel; Levy, David
Subject: FW: Follow Up

Steve:

It seems that there's some confusion with DEP about your proposed policy. Have you reached out to Bob Avaltroni since his e-mail (the one we interpreted differently; I thinking he was unaware of the policy proposal and you thinking he was unaware of the agency claims)?

It seems like FEMA project staff are operating on the assumption that this policy is already in place (see Walter's BOE e-mail you forwarded to me), however, I we need to clarify the situation with DEP, and I still need to hear back from the Law department as well.

- Michele
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-----Original Message-----

From: Levy, David
Sent: Monday, December 16, 2002 4:14 PM
To: Levine, Michele
Subject: Follow Up

Michelle,

I am following up on the emails from last week concerning Bob Avaltroni and DEP's role in helping city agencies receive compensated cleanings.

When John Murray followed up with DEP on the matter, he confirmed that Bob claims he never accepted this role or said he was in favor of it at any time.

Dave Levy