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Subject: Letters for Interior Cleaning PW

Importance: High

Diana, Bob,

FEMA management and FEMA's Office of General Counsel have reviewed the May 3, 2002 letter from Commissioner Ward. Based on a review of the letter and the City's concern over issuing three separate letters, FEMA would like to pursue the following alternative:

- The City issues one letter that addresses the environmental, health and economic threat posed by the debris on the interiors of residential buildings. This letter should be signed by the Commissioners of DEP and DoH and the Deputy Mayor for Economic Development.

The letter should provide sufficient facts upon which the City based its conclusory statements regarding adverse environmental, health and safety, and economic impacts caused by debris/material. In addition, the letter should identify the adverse impacts of the interior debris/material. FEMA would like to review a draft copy of the letter to provide the City with any final thoughts or comments before it is signed. The draft letter can be faxed to Emily Chacon at (212) 667-8987.

As you know, the letter and citations mentioned above are necessary to support FEMA's \$78M interior cleaning grant. Brad Gair is pursuing a similar letter from the US EPA. If you have any questions about this approach please feel free to contact Brad Gair at (646) 746-1888 or me at (847) 571-6403.

Thanks for you attention to this matter.

Regards,

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