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Bob

① Is ^{this} ~~what~~

you're
looking
for?

② Will EPA
be part of this
briefing?

③ I told Allison
Rosen about
this outreach
& promised to
share a draft
of this (at some
point)

Mark
Lanaghan

TO: Members of the Ground Zero Elected Officials Task Force

FROM: Christopher O. Ward

RE: Public forum to discuss the joint Federal/City residential cleanup program

On May 9, 2002 USEPA Regional Administrator Jane Kenny and myself announced a comprehensive federally-funded plan to ensure that apartments impacted by the collapse of the World Trade Center have been cleaned. The plan includes: cleaning residential units using certified contractors with follow-up testing for asbestos; asbestos testing within dwelling units apart from any cleaning; creation of a hotline to take cleaning and testing requests; making HEPA filter vacuums available; distributing health and cleaning information; and, cleaning the remaining unoccupied, uncleaned buildings.

To convey information about this program to lower Manhattan residents and property owners, representatives of USEPA and DEP are planning to conduct a public forum on or about May 28, 2002, probably at Pace University. In preparation for that meeting, I am inviting you or your staff to attend a briefing on Thursday, May 23, from 3-5 p.m. at the ~~Chapel~~ 2290 Broadway??/One Centre St??. I look forward to discussing with you ways in which we might best convey the details about this comprehensive program to interested parties.

If you or your staff will be able to attend, please RSVP to Mark Lanaghan here at DEP. His number is 718-595-3519.

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