

Interagency Meeting On Actions to Address 9-11 Response Health and Medical Concerns

2:00 p.m. February 14, 2002

Chaired by FEMA Director Joe M. Allbaugh

Topics of Discussion

We need to firmly and positively address the potential and emerging air quality-related health and medical concerns of responders and citizens. Toward that end:

- **What have we done?**
- **What are we doing now?**
- **What are we planning to do?**

Proposed Mission Assignments

1. For the Department of Health and Human Services:

- **Quickly implement a comprehensive, national survey of all federal, state, and local WTC responders and affected citizens, for the purpose of capturing their post-response medical or health status.**
- **Establish a National Health Registry to capture the survey information, track and identify both emerging trends and long-term health effects, and to ensure health and medical recommendations are quickly conveyed to those concerned.**
- **Establish and identify a list of minimum health and medical recommendations (tests, treatments, etc.) for WTC responders and citizens. Recommendations should run the symptomological**

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2. For the Environmental Protection Agency:

- **Provide a chronological timeline of all official air quality monitoring activities and findings relative to Ground Zero and the surrounding environs. Timeline should begin on 9-11 and continue to present.**
- **Identify all agencies and organizations involved in or that support (or could support) air quality monitoring, charting or mapping; what products or services they did or can provide; and their defined responsibilities, both under the NCP and to ESF-10.**
- **Evaluate and identify all buildings that were affected by WTC dust/debris. Provide an estimated cleanup cost for each building, identify the buildings as public/private, establish a prioritization schedule (based on environmental factors alone), and develop recommended proposal.**

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Re: CC:

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● Comments:

I mailed and Faxed The enclosed
REQUEST For a meeting with The Mayor
and The WTC Emergency Environmental
Group several weeks ago and have
Not HEARD From your OFFICE.
Our CONCERNS are urgent SINCE
our HEALTH IS at RISK!

I would appreciate if you
Call me asap at (212) 678-4700,
ext 304
To arrange this meeting
Maureen Silverman
Thank you

WTC Emergency Environmental Group
C/O Maureen Silverman
40 Harrison Street, #21K
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January 14, 2002

Mayor Michael Bloomberg
City Hall
New York, New York 10007

Dear Mayor Bloomberg:

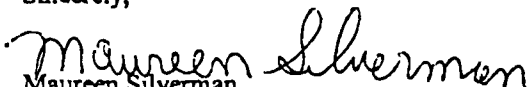
The WTC Emergency Environmental Group congratulates you on becoming the new Mayor of New York City. We look forward to working and meeting with you to improve the air quality, health and safety of Lower Manhattan in the aftermath of the WTC attack. Our organization is comprised of downtown residents, workers, businesses, parents of school children in the area, and supporting organizations concerned about the environmental impact of the WTC attack.

Four months after September 11th, there are still many unresolved environmental health issues facing our communities. Downtown residents, workers, business owners and students have been sick with respiratory and other health problems stemming from the poor air quality, inadequate debris removal, building cleanup and preventive health education regarding ways to reduce toxic exposure.

On December 18th, the WTC Emergency Environmental Group held a press conference and rally at City Hall to highlight these important issues. Following the press conference and rally, many media outlets picked up on the story and have continued to publicize the ongoing health and environmental problems in Lower Manhattan. Among the elected officials who spoke and endorsed our efforts were new City Council Member Allan Gerson, outgoing City Council Member Kathryn Freed, and representatives from the offices of Congressman Jerrold Nadler, Borough President C. Virginia Fields and State Senator Martin Connor.

Therefore, we are requesting a meeting with you soon as possible, to discuss these urgent safety matters. We would appreciate it if your office would call either Maureen Silverman at 212-964-0116 or 212-678-4700 Ext 304, or Peggy Sarlin at 212-877-7980 to schedule this meeting. We look forward to working with you in the very near future. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,


Maureen Silverman
WTC Emergency Environmental Group

CC: Dennis Walcott, Deputy Mayor for Policy
Mark Shaw, Deputy Mayor for Operations

P.S. Attached please find a list of the organizations which endorsed our December 18th rally and press conference

Endorsers of The December 18th, 2001 Rally and Press Conference Regarding The WTC Air Crisis:

- WTC Emergency Environmental Group
- Independence Plaza Tenants Association
- PS 234 Parents Association
- PS 89 Parents Association
- PS 150 Parents Association
- IS 89 Parents Association
- Stuyvesant High School Parents Association,
- Stuyvesant High School Student Union,
- UFT Chapter of Stuyvesant High School
- Lower Manhattan Residents Relief Coalition
- Good Old Lower East Side
- Metropolitan Council On Housing
- Tenants and Neighbors
- New York Public Interest Research Group
- Asbestos, Lead and Hazardous Waste Laborers, Local 78
- Chinese Progressive Association
- New York City Coalition to End Lead Poisoning
- New York Environmental Law and Justice Project
- Down Town Independent Democrats
- Healthy Schools Network
- Center For Constitutional Rights
- New York Committee For Occupational Safety and Health
- Association of Legal Aid Attorneys
- West Harlem Environmental Action
- Lower Manhattan Tenants Coalition
- East River Environmental Coalition
- Environmental Toxins Group
- Professional Staff Congress
- Sinergia Inc

Avaltroni, Robert

From: Chapin, Diana
Sent: Wednesday, April 17, 2002 6:28 PM
To: Avaltroni, Robert
Subject: FW: Buildings-Parks-Data Committee / Database Architecture Work Group

I see that Bob and Barbara were copied in on this and also Mike so I assume someone is attending.

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

From: Vincent Coluccio [mailto:vcolucci@health.nyc.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, April 16, 2002 1:43 PM
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Cc: Mary Rose Gasner; Ronald J. Dillon

Subject: Re: Buildings-Parks-Data Committee / Database Architecture Work Group

To: Buildings-Parks Data Committee
Fr: Vin Coluccio, NYC DOH
Re: Meeting on Database Architecture: Thursday, April 18 at 1 PM at 100 Gold Street, 2nd Floor Manhattan Room

Per Jim Miller's direction I am coordinating activities related to development of the buildings inventory and associated environmental database. At the April 18 meeting we will discuss the

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From: Sturcken, Charles
Sent: Wednesday, May 29, 2002 6:11 PM
To: Lanaghan, Mark; Avaltroni, Robert
Subject: FW: NEED TO INVITE NYCDEP TO 4 MEETINGS WITH GROUPS

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From: Mears.Mary@epamail.epa.gov [<mailto:Mears.Mary@epamail.epa.gov>]
Sent: Wednesday, May 29, 2002 4:52 PM
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----- Forwarded by Mary Mears/R2/USEPA/US on 05/29/2002 04:51 PM -----

Mary Mears

To: geoffr@dep.nyc.gov
cc: 05/29/2002 03:36 PM
Subject: NEED TO INVITE NYCDEP TO 4 MEETINGS WITH GROUPS

Geoff:

We have scheduled a number of meetings in the next few days with outside groups regarding the WTC. Bob A. agreed he'd go to the one tomorrow with 911 Environmental Action, but we didn't give him a time/place. He also committed to sending someone from DEP to all of them. I have several calls into Charlie, but I know he's tied up, so I am forwarding the information to you. I know you're gig is press, but can you pass this along to Charlie?

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database architecture and how it will link environmental data to geo-coded maps of lower Manhattan.

Representatives of EPA, NYC Board of Education, NYS DOH, NYS DEC, NYC HPD, NYC DOB, DCAS and OSHA are requested to attend this meeting and participate in deciding the best means of managing this information. Please bring information on the structures of your databases and sample data printouts.

The purposes of the inventory have been elucidated but not how the final product will look or how it will work. I'm taking a stab at this for the purpose of framing our discussion on the database architecture.

- The initial screen will be a map of lower Manhattan, similar to EPA maps found at <http://www.epa.gov/epahome/wtc/index.html#monitoring>
- The user can view ambient environmental data points by selecting an environmental parameters and timeframes
- The user can zoom in on any neighborhood and select an individual building. Basic characteristics will be displayed for a selected building, including: Block / Lot / BIN etc. - to be defined
- Whether the building is scheduled to be cleaned or has been cleaned by DEP contractors or other parties will be noted
- Environmental monitoring data obtained from within or on the exterior of the building (if any) will be presented in summary fashion - to be defined (some data may not be accessible to the public for legal reasons)
- Selecting a specific parameter on the data summary page will call up spreadsheets containing detailed environmental monitoring data for that parameter

The environmental data present complexities. We have probably >200,000 individual analytical results. Some buildings will have no environmental data; others will have a large amount of data across a variety of contaminants, as well as variations in reporting formats, sampling durations, sampling methods, units of measurements, etc. We need to decide whether it is desirable/feasible to "clean and standardize" all the environmental data or present data sets as they currently exist, with consideration of the costs and timeframes associated with these options.

Meeting Agenda:

- The "end product" - what we want it to provide and when we want it to be functional
- Update on buildings inventory
- Develop a list of all building characteristics fields
- Identify all environmental data sets by agency
- "Clean & standardize" v. data "as is"
- Database architecture development: process and timeframe

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