

Avaltroni, Robert

To: Ward, Chris
Subject: FW: FEMA Letter for carpet removal at Ground Zero schools

Chris,

Please find the latest from Matt Onek concerning the Lower Manhattan Department of Education issues. They are sort of putting me in an awkward position. I don't want someone going to City Hall and suggesting we are holding up the process. I am also aware of FEMA's concerns that the Department of Education is short on credibility with respect to funding requests. I am, as you suggested, not getting involved but, am concerned about where this could go. Can we further discuss as soon as possible.

Thanks,

Bob

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

From: Onek Matthew [mailto:MOnek@nycboe.net]
Sent: Tuesday, January 28, 2003 12:51 PM
To: Avaltroni, Robert
Cc: Onek Matthew
Subject: RE: FEMA Letter for carpet removal at Ground Zero schools

I can easily fax you an additional copy of the protocol which is only on page. There is endless sampling data in various different forms. We have sent both the sampling results and the testing protocol to DEP in the past, and your folks reviewed them to prepare the October 2002 letter which referenced both the sampling and the protocol. I don't see why it would be necessary for you to review all of the data yet again? Of course, we will (or already have) provided FEMA with all testing results, protocols, costs, etc. (Note, I am not the point person with FEMA). As for cost, we are still working on the numbers. We originally estimated approximately \$1million. However, some schools already had some carpets removed. Please call me so we can finalize next steps - 212-374-0214 or cell 917-658-3239. Thanks so much for all your help.

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From: Avaltroni, Robert [mailto:ravaltroni@dep.nyc.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, January 28, 2003 12:25 PM
To: Onek Matthew
Subject: Re: FEMA Letter for carpet removal at Ground Zero schools

Matt,. Please send me the associated protocols referenced in the DOH draft, as well as the sampling results for all schools involved. This will provide justification for the FEMA funding request.

Sent from Bob's BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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Matt,

Please send me a copy of EPA's draft.

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From: Onek Matthew [mailto:MOnek@nycboe.net]

Sent: Tuesday, January 28, 2003 10:33 AM

To: avaltronir@dep.nyc.gov

Cc: Onek Matthew

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Matt Onek

DRAFT

January 24, 2003

Deputy Chancellor Kathleen Grimm
New York City Department of Education
The Tweed Courthouse
New York, NY 10007

Dear Deputy Chancellor Grimm:

This letter was prepared at your request [per FEMA reimbursement regulations. The letter] addresses the issue of carpeting removal at public schools in Lower Manhattan that were affected by the collapse of the World Trade Center, that is, PS/IS 89, PS 150, PS 234, Stuyvesant High School, the High School of Economics and Finance and the High School of Leadership and Public Service.

There have been concerns raised about possible contamination of carpeting at these schools resulting from the collapse of the World Trade Center. The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene has worked collaboratively with the Department of Education, and its independent

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environmental consulting firm, on environmental sampling and clean-up efforts at these schools. The Department of Health strongly recommended that the Department of Education remove floor carpeting as part of their continued clean-up efforts.

The Department of Health reviewed the "Carpet Removal Protocol" as provided by the Department of Education. The Department of Health concluded that removal performed in accordance with these protocols would be sufficiently protective of the health of students, teachers, and staff within the schools such that the removal process itself would not create a risk to health.

Sincerely,

Kelly R. McKinney P.E.,
Associate Commissioner

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To: Ward, Chris
Cc: Grob, Shauna; Tweedy, David
Subject: FW: FEMA Letter for carpet removal at Ground Zero schools

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