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Ms. Diane Lapson
Chairperson
Independence Plaza Tenant Association – Environmental Committee
40 Harrison Street, 31B
New York, New York 10013

Dear Ms. Lapson:

This is in response to your recent correspondences regarding the carpeting at Independence Plaza North.

The Department has been in communication with the building management and the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) regarding the testing and cleaning activities at Independence Plaza. According to our information, the USEPA will oversee the cleaning and testing of the common areas after the removal and disposal of the carpeting. The cleaning and monitoring will be in accordance with the procedures for the indoor residential cleaning and testing program.

In reference to the sampling of carpeting using "ultrasonication" or "microvac" sampling, these methods are not approved methods for asbestos sampling. The Department position regarding analytical methods not accredited by the New York State Department of Health was documented in correspondences to building owners and their representatives on September 14 and September 26, 2001. The Department requested and received bulk sample results from the hallways. The results indicated asbestos-containing material was not present.

Please use your access identification at the USEPA web site, www.epa.gov to obtain additional information regarding the cleaning program at Independence Plaza. If you have any questions, please contact me directly at (718) 595-3721.

Sincerely,

R. Radhakrishnan

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November 13, 2002

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Mr. Joseph Masino
120 Liberty LLC
C/O Samson Management
97-77 Queens Boulevard, Suite 710
Flushing, New York 11374

Subject: 125 Cedar Street, Manhattan
AKA 120 Liberty Street, Manhattan

Dear Mr. Masino:

This is to confirm the recent conversations you had with representatives of the New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) regarding the above-mentioned address.

The Department has completed the clean up activities at 125 Cedar Street, as per the contract specifications, the scopes of work and the access agreements (Reference Project WTC-UNA and WTC-UNC). As you are aware, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) has received and reviewed the sampling results. The summary of the USEPA evaluation is attached for your reference. The DEP concurs with this evaluation.

A copy of the final report prepared by ATC Associates will be forwarded to you for your records as soon as available. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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Sincerely,

**Michael Gilson
Assistant Commissioner**

Attachment

C: Christopher O. Ward
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March 3, 2003

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

Dear Deputy Chancellor Grimm:

After reviewing the letters of support from the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) and the New York City Department of Health (NYCDOH), please be advised that we acquiesce to their recommendations regarding the carpet removal at New York City Department of Education schools impacted by the collapse of the World Trade Center.

USEPA and the NYCDOH have suggested that the removal of carpet is a reasonable and proper action to eliminate concerns regarding potential contaminants in this porous material.

According to our information, the environmental air sampling results at these schools indicated sampling and analysis was in accordance with the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) requirements. Specifically, the results indicate the clearance and re-occupancy criteria set forth in AHERA (70 s/mm²) were met.

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