



Christopher O. Ward
Commissioner

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C. () Coordinate-Report
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D. () Talk to me About This

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E. () Per our Discussion

F. () Take Appropriate Action
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CITY OF NEW YORK

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Paul Goldstein
District Manager

October 24, 2002

Ms. Jane M. Kenny
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Mr. Christopher Ward
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Mr. Joseph P. Picciano
Acting Regional II Director
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Re: EPA building testing and
cleaning program

Dear Ms. Kenny, Mr. Ward and Mr. Picciano:

At our October 15th monthly meeting Community Board #1 adopted the attached resolution outlining our recommendations for improving the programs now underway to clean and monitor the interior and exterior of Lower Manhattan buildings following the September 11th attack. Clearly many local residents continue to be very concerned with the health impacts of September 11th when an unprecedented mix of pollutants and contaminants entered our atmosphere. The fires that burned for months on the site created additional health concerns. While we are pleased that the EPA and DEP have taken on additional responsibility to insure that the area is safe and clean we believe that the program is failing to address many of the critical concerns of our residents. For example we believe that EPA must also test for mercury, lead and other toxins and expand the program so that a range of public spaces and facilities as well as small businesses are tested and cleaned.

We therefore urge you to carefully review our attached resolution which fully spells out our recommendations to improve the program.

Please let us know how you will be proceeding on this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Madelyn Wils".

Madelyn Wils
Chairperson

Attachment

cc: H. Clinton
V. Fields
J. Nadler
M. Connor
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COMMUNITY BOARD #1 MANHATTAN
RESOLUTION

DATE: OCTOBER 15, 2002

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: QUALITY OF LIFE

COMMITTEE VOTE: 9 IN FAVOR 0 OPPOSED 0 ABSTAINED 0 RECUSED
BOARD VOTE: 35 IN FAVOR 0 OPPOSED 0 ABSTAINED 0 RECUSED

RE: **EPA building interior testing and cleaning program**

WHEREAS: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and NYC Department of Environmental (DEP) met with CB #1's Quality of Life Committee on October 7, 2002, and

WHEREAS: DEP and EPA are responsible for exterior building clean-up, and

WHEREAS: It is EPA's responsibility to test and clean up Lower Manhattan using state-of-the-art technology, equipment, methodologies, and personnel available, and

WHEREAS: The EPA in September of 2002 has instituted a residential interior clean-up program for residential homes only on a voluntary basis due to the contamination from the collapse of the WTC Towers as a result of the 9/11 terrorist attacks, and

WHEREAS: There is still a great deal of anxiety that exists among residents regarding the type of pollutants and contaminants that have entered the atmosphere as a result of 9/11, and

WHEREAS: The clean-up program began enrolling candidates in the Summer 2002, by which time, the overwhelming majority of residents had reinhabited apartments cleaned unprofessionally or by workers without government oversight state-of-the-art scientific standards, and

WHEREAS: These pollutants and contaminants are still being found in indoor and outdoor spaces even after cleaning and private independent tests have shown that certain indoor spaces contain mercury, lead, chromium, cadmium, asbestos, fiberglass, dioxins and fine contaminants, and

WHEREAS: There was poor public outreach to the community and too much time was allowed to pass before the program began, and

WHEREAS: The clean-up program does not include schools, public spaces, parks, rooftops, water towers, heating and air conditioner ventilation systems, and

WHEREAS: 95% of small businesses do not have insurance coverage for clean-up purposes, and

WHEREAS: There is no governmental funded comprehensive long-term research and study program to track current conditions and health ramifications, now

THEREFORE

BE IT

RESOLVED

THAT: The clean-up program needs to be extended so that residents can view the published EPA results from the first few buildings and decide whether they wish to sign up for this program, and flyers should be put in all residential buildings, and

BE IT

FURTHER

RESOLVED

THAT: The EPA and the DEP should coordinate interior and exterior clean-up procedures to test and clean-up residential buildings, schools, public spaces, parks, rooftops water towers, heating and air conditioner ventilation systems using the state-of-the-art technology, and

BE IT

FURTHER

RESOLVED

THAT: The EPA testing should include testing for mercury, lead, asbestos and other toxins both before and after any cleanup and all research data obtained from the clean-up should be released as soon as possible to all concerned and accompanied by a complete explanation of all test methodologies used, and

BE IT

FURTHER

RESOLVED

THAT: The Stafford Act be amended so that in the future small businesses can participate in future FEMA programs when necessary, and

BE IT

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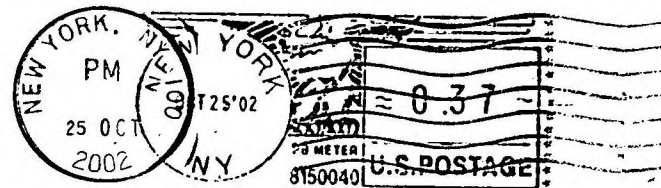
RESOLVED

THAT: Community Board #1 calls upon the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the NYC Department of Environmental Protection and CERCLA to adhere to and comply with all existing federal and city laws, regulations and standards for decontamination.

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