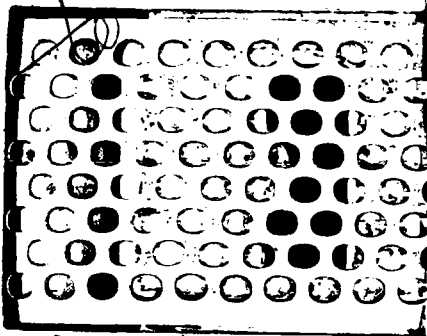


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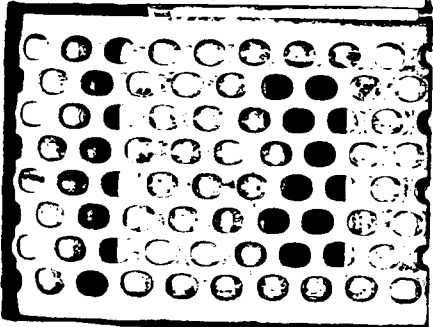
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THE ADMINISTRATOR

The Honorable Michael R. Bloomberg
Mayor
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Dear Mayor Bloomberg:

Thank you for your letter of August 13, 2002, concerning the indoor air cleanup program in lower Manhattan. I appreciate your recognition of our program as a positive step forward and your support for our efforts in the development and implementation of the program.

I want to assure you that EPA is implementing a comprehensive program to protect the residents of lower Manhattan from potential exposures to harmful dust and debris residuals. EPA is running this program in cooperation with FEMA, New York State, and New York City. We are using all the tools available, including appropriate aspects of the National Contingency Plan, to achieve this goal as expeditiously as possible. Let me provide an overview of the program we are implementing. The more detailed responses to your concerns and questions are enclosed.

Components of the Indoor Air Residential Assistance Program

First, EPA is directing a study on building cleaning techniques in a building that had only minimal cleaning since the attack, employing and evaluating various cleaning techniques. This project is well under way, and field work should be completed in the next several weeks.

Second, EPA is directing a background study to provide monitoring data on indoor air contaminants in residences north of 79th Street, which were not affected by the collapse of the WTC, so that such data may be compared with data obtained in residences in lower Manhattan. The contractor is in place for this study and sampling is ongoing.

Third, EPA, along with the New York City Department of Environmental Protection (NYC DEP), is providing for the monitoring and cleaning of lower Manhattan residences through the World Trade Center Indoor Dust Cleanup Program. Pursuant to interagency agreements under the Stafford Act, FEMA is providing or will provide funds to the City, which used its emergency contracting authority to enter into contracts for a hotline contractor to register residents for the indoor dust cleaning program, and for certified asbestos cleanup contractors.

The actual cleaning and monitoring is being carried out by the NYC DEP contractors, under the direction and oversight of EPA. FEMA and EPA have entered into an interagency agreement for EPA oversight and for analytical services by an EPA contractor.

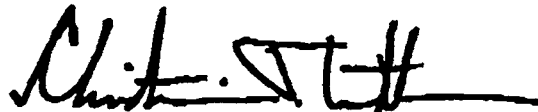
Fourth, EPA has developed a technical paper, based upon the input from many scientists within EPA, the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR), the New York State Department of Health, the New York City Department of Health and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA). This paper identifies select contaminants of potential concern related to the WTC attack and discusses how to set health-based benchmarks for these contaminants in indoor environments. The paper is currently undergoing peer review. Interested public/community groups, including your members, have been asked to nominate scientists for consideration as members of the peer review panel. A neutral non-profit organization is conducting the peer review process, selecting participants and organizing the review. A public session is planned for late October, 2002. We will keep you informed regarding the progress of the peer review.

Finally, I assure you that the EPA personnel involved in the World Trade Center Indoor Dust Cleanup Program have significant experience in overseeing contractors and cleanups, making judgements about risk, and properly communicating about such matters with the public. We are fully committed to the success of this effort. I have directed my staff to devote the needed resources to ensure that it is carried out in a safe, protective, and responsive manner.

Again, thank you for your letter. I appreciate having this opportunity to respond to your concerns. If you have further questions, please contact me or your staff may contact Ed Krenik in the Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations at (202) 564-3105.

Sincerely yours,

Christine Todd Whitman



Enclosures

Identical letter sent to: Honorable Hillary Rodham Clinton