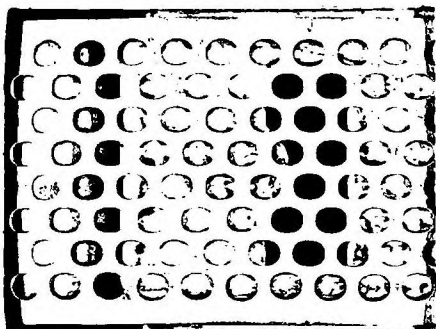




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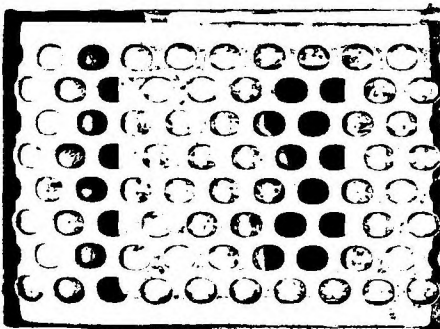
Chris,

As discussed, per final
Sen. Clinton's letter to EPA
concerning Lower Manhattan
and beyond.

EPA (Whitman) is waiting
to respond pointing out to
the Senator that this is the date
she agreed to at a prior hearing.

I agree with your political assessment.
It's also nice to see EPA
in a behavioral change.

[Signature]
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ORIG. DUE DATE: 01/14/2003

FILE CODE: 141-A CONGRESSIONAL CORRESPONDENCE

STATUS: PENDING

CORRES. DATE: 12/23/2002

RECEIVED DATE: 12/31/2002

ASSIGNED DATE: 12/31/2002

CLOSED DATE:

FROM: CLINTON HILLARY RODHAM-D/NY

ORG: UNITED STATES SENATE

SALUTATION: DEAR SENATOR CLINTON

CONSTITUENT:

COMMITTEE:

TO: ADMINISTRATOR

TO ORG: EPA

SUBJECT: REQUEST THAT RESIDENTS IN LOWER MANHATTAN CONTINUE TO BE
ABLE TO REQUEST THAT THEIR APARTMENTS BE CLEANED AND OR
TESTED AS PART OF THE ONGOING WORLD TRADE CENTER INDOOR AIR
TESTING AND CLEANING PROGRAM

ASSIGNED: REGION 02

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OCIR/MICHELE MCKEEVER, AIR & RADIATION

SIGNATURE: ADMINISTRATOR

INSTs: PREPARE REPLY FOR THE SIGNATURE OF CHRISTINE TODD WHITMAN,
ADMINISTRATOR. E-MAIL TO: EADES.CASSAUNDRA@EPA.GOV AND
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COMMENTS:

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December 23, 2002

The Honorable Christine Todd Whitman
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Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20460

Dear Administrator Whitman:

I am writing to request that residents in Lower Manhattan continue to be able to request that their apartments be cleaned and or tested as part of the ongoing World Trade Center indoor air testing and cleaning program. The current deadline for requesting such assistance is December 28, 2002. As the deadline approaches, I am beginning to receive requests from constituents in Lower Manhattan that the deadline be extended.

I want to again express my appreciation to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for working with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the City of New York to establish this much needed program. I also want to thank the Agency for responding to requests that many of my colleagues and I made earlier this year to extend the program sign-up period through December 28, 2002. This was an important step in ensuring that all those affected by the destruction of the towers would have the opportunity to request EPA's assistance in this regard.

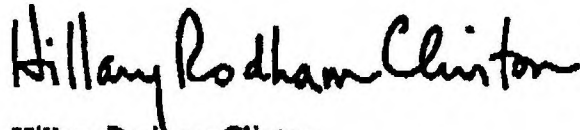
I am concerned, however, that EPA appears set on shutting down the sign-up component of the program on December 28, 2002, despite ongoing efforts and discussions related to possible expansions or modifications of the program. According to EPA Region 2 Administrator, Jane Kenny, sampling efforts for non-asbestos contaminants are still underway, as is the peer review of a "contaminants of concern" document. Also, many additional requests that others and I have made to modify the program are still "under review" according to Regional Administrator Kenny, including requests that: (1) the indoor air testing and cleaning program be expanded geographically, (2) that it be expanded to include small businesses, and (3) that it reimburse those residents who have already paid for the testing and cleaning of their apartments by professionals. These are all important components that still need to be added to the program.

Since the cleanup and testing program is ongoing, the program infrastructure is already in place, and many unknowns about future expansion or modification of the program still remain, the December 28, 2002, closure date seems premature and unnecessary. The date is also arbitrary and insensitive to residents who may still desire such assistance, but for whatever reason have not yet formally requested assistance from the Agency.

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Again, I would like to urge EPA to keep the World Trade Center indoor air testing and cleaning program open, and to engage in a thorough and effective public outreach and communications campaign with respect tot his important program. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Hillary Rodham Clinton". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Hillary Rodham Clinton