

Extension
request



**Department of
Environmental
Protection**

59-17 Junction Boulevard
Flushing, New York
11373-5108

**Christopher O. Ward
Commissioner**

January 30, 2003

Mr. Sudhir Jain
President
WTC Residents Coalition
50 Battery Place, #4Y
New York, NY 10280

Dear Mr. Jain,

I am in receipt of your letter dated December 24, 2002 concerning the United States Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) World Trade Center Cleanup Program.

As you know EPA, the lead agency in this endeavor, had extended the program on several occasions. It is their position that the number of extensions through December 28, 2002, was sufficient to allow all residents to register in this cleanup reassurance program.

Thank you for correspondence related to this matter.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'CW', is written over the typed name Christopher O. Ward.

Christopher O. Ward



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TO: Mayor Michael Bloomberg
FAX: 212-788-2460
CC: Bob Alvatroni, NYC DEP
FAX: 718-595-4544
FROM: Sudhir Jain
PHONE: 212-945-2106
FAX: 212-945-2106
RE: Extension of EPA WTC Cleanup Program Registration Deadline
DATE: 12/24/02

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Dear Mavor Bloomberg:

On behalf of the residents of Lower Manhattan, I hereby urge you to request the EPA and DEP to extend the registration deadline for the EPA WTC Cleanup program beyond the current deadline of 12/28/02. We believe this is in the best interest of all concerned in protecting the health and safety of residents downtown. Only a fraction of those eligible have enrolled and we believe this is reflective of the lack of outreach by the EPA; the EPA has not followed its own guidelines in implementing a COMPREHENSIVE AND AGGRESSIVE OUTREACH program.

In addition, progress on the EPA's testing/cleaning of the building HVAC systems to date has been inadequate and this is critical to a comprehensive cleanup. The boundaries of the cleanup need to be extended beyond Canal St and be expanded to cover schools and commercial spaces and the testing needs to be expanded to cover more Contaminants of Potential Concern (COPC's). The establishment of a public process and Administrative Record would go a long way to restoring public's confidence in the EPA's ability to protect them in this and future terrorist attacks. It is premature to abandon the objective of helping every home that was affected by the World Trade Center attack.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or if we can be of any assistance to you in this matter.

Regards,



Sudhir Jain, President
WTC Residents Coalition
50 Battery Place, #4Y
New York, NY 10280

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Commissioner**

February 12, 2003

The Honorable Martin Connor
New York State Senate
Office of the Minority Leader
250 Broadway, Suite 1930
New York, NY 10007

Dear Senator Connor,

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Mary Jane Walczyszyn 
Office of Correspondence and Constituent Services
10th Floor
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Date: 1/27/03

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Response due date: 2/10/03

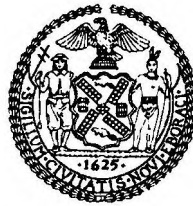
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Would you please

1) Draft a response for -----
signature and forward it to me for processing.

2) Send a copy of your signed response to me for our files.

Remarks:



THE CITY OF NEW YORK
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
NEW YORK, N.Y. 10007

January 2, 2003

REFERRAL TO:

Ms. Maryjane Walczyszyn
Director of Correspondence
Department of Environmental Protection
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59-17 Junction Boulevard
Flushing, New York 11373

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1/27/03 By *[Signature]*

CONSTITUENT:

Casework#: 190936
The Honorable Martin Connor
New York State Senate
Suite 1930
250 Broadway
New York, NY 10007

ACTION REQUESTED:

The attached correspondence is being forwarded to your agency for response. The only information the Office of the Mayor has about this constituent is included in the attached letter. Respond directly to the constituent under the appropriate signature within your agency. Please call Stacy Lewis with questions at (212) 788-2771.

DUE DATE: within 10 working days of receipt

ACTION TAKEN:

Please check action taken and provide a detailed explanation (please write any other pertinent information on the back of this sheet).

- ☐ Constituent received a written response (attach copy)
- ☐ Constituent was responded to via phone. Phone number: _____ Spoke to: _____
- ☐ The matter is outside of our jurisdiction. I suggest referral to: _____

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Mayor's Office of Correspondence
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New York, NY 10007
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Senator Martin Connor

Minority Leader

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December 23, 2002

Honorable Christine Todd Whitman
EPA Administrator
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., #1101A
Washington, DC 20460

Dear Governor Whitman,

As the State Senator for Ground Zero and the surrounding area, I am writing to urge you to extend the deadline for the EPA cleanup, now slated to end on December 28, 2002.

As it now stands, only 1/6th of the residences located in the designated cleanup area have requested that their homes be cleaned. Worse, only 239 buildings are signed up for full building cleanups. This is simply unacceptable. It is clear that much of the reason that more residents have not asked for the cleanup, is due to a lack of adequate outreach and education about potential contamination throughout the area. This task was the responsibility of your agency and they have clearly failed their mandate. The fact that almost 16 months have passed and this situation has not been addressed is outrageous and must not be allowed to continue.

Given the unprecedented devastation and contamination of the area by the terrorist attacks, your agency must take steps to address this failing immediately. First the cleanup deadline must be extended by at least three months. Then your agency must do a better job of reaching this population and of honestly informing it of the possible dangers to their health if both their residences and their entire buildings are not properly cleaned.

Further, there is no invisible barrier that stopped the WTC dust and contaminants at Canal Street, many other communities have been impacted but have been ignored in this cleanup. That, too, is unacceptable. Both Chinatown and the Lower East Side were heavily impacted and must be made part of the cleanup program. Both areas need much more attention, not just to their very real health needs, but also to the ongoing inadequate

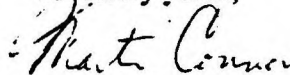
economic and disaster assistance. These failures make the need for attention to the ongoing health needs of this largely low income and largely immigrant community even more necessary. Additionally, these areas must get materials and be able to speak with assistants who are able to converse in several languages, especially Cantonese and Mandarin in Chinatown and Spanish in the Lower East Side.

Photographs of the plume from the collapse of the WTC show that parts of Brooklyn, also my district, were heavily impacted. Indeed, the incidents of respiratory incidents now being recorded there give empirical evidence that there were, and remain, very real health problems from the WTC attack that are not being addressed. These parts of Brooklyn that the plume affected must also be made eligible for the cleanup. In fact, because of the lack of emphasis on the impacts on Brooklyn, it is even more important that they receive honest and forth right information about the possible health impacts if they fail to have an adequate cleaning.

Again, I ask you to address these problems immediately. Much too much time has already passed and it is high times that the health needs of these neighborhoods be adequately addressed.

Thanking you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,


Martin Connor

cc: Jane Kenny
EPA Region 2 Administrator