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From: Maldonado, Jane
Sent: Thursday, August 22, 2002 11:47 AM
To: Kam, Phyllis
Subject: FW: 80 John Street

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From: Maldonado, Jane
Sent: Thursday, August 22, 2002 11:46 AM
To: PII
Subject: 80 John Street

8/22/02

Dear Ms. PII

Your correspondence was forwarded to the Department of Environmental Protection. Our records indicate you had entered a request for indoor air testing for your building at 80 John Street, Manhattan.

As you are probably aware, the USEPA has established a hotline and web site for indoor testing and cleaning. You can register for the cleaning and/or testing by electronically submitting your request. Although attempts have been made to compile previously submitted information, you should complete the USEPA registration form to ensure inclusion in this program. In addition, as the President of your Tenant Association, you may coordinate activities for your entire building.

Please refer to the USEPA web site for more information or you may call the hotline number at (877) 796-5471.

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Avaltroni, Robert

From: McCarthy, Anne
Sent: Tuesday, March 05, 2002 5:01 PM
To: Avaltroni, Robert; Kelpin, Gerry; Needle, Michelle
Subject: FW: NYC.GOV - Message to Commissioner, DEP - Hazardous Materials - Correspondence #1-1036341

FYI.

—Original Message—

From: Cynthia Lane [mailto: [REDACTED] PII]
Sent: Tuesday, March 05, 2002 4:57 PM
To: McCarthy, Anne
Subject: Re: NYC.GOV - Message to Commissioner, DEP - Hazardous Materials - Correspondence #1-1036341

Ms. McCarthy,

Thank you for your response. I am unfamiliar with the Bureau of Environmental Compliance; what is their role (i.e.: do they administer tests? do they ensure landlords comply with "standards"?). The real problem here is that the very limited tests that we as a tenant group have been able to afford thus far don't show the "one percent" level of asbestos, which Commissioner Miele himself admits is not truly relevant. My point being, if the BEC enforces these "standards" then there is nothing to enforce in this building, unless they break with the DEP's official position and acknowledge that there is in fact a synergistic effect making residents ill. The synergy comes from breathing in a sub-one percent level of asbestos, combined with lead, arsenic, mercury, and even non-hazardous substances like gypsum dust that are strong irritants. If you can clarify for me the role of the BEC, I would appreciate it.

Best Regards,
Cynthia

— Original Message —

From: "McCarthy, Anna" <annemc@dep.nyc.gov>
To: [REDACTED] PII
Cc: "Avaltroni, Robert" <AvaltroniR@dep.nyc.gov>; "Kelpin, Gerry" <gerryk@dep.nyc.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 05, 2002 4:05 PM
Subject: FW: NYC.GOV - Message to Commissioner, DEP - Hazardous Materials - Correspondence #1-1036341

Dear Ms. [REDACTED] PII

I am writing in response to your comments about air sampling in the wake of

the WTC disaster. I have forwarded your note to staff at the Bureau of Environmental Compliance who will respond to you directly. Thank you for writing to Commissioner Miele and bringing this matter to our attention.

Sincerely yours,

Anne J. McCarthy
Special Advisor to the Commissioner

Message Type: Misc. Comments

Topic: Hazardous Materials

Contact Info: Yes

M/M: Ms

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Message: Commissioner Miele:

As the President of the Tenants Association at 80 John Street, I am deeply disturbed by the limited sampling data available to the public in the aftermath of 9/11. Based on my review of your published data, it appears that no testing has been done for the residential areas east of Broadway. 80 John Street is located just a few blocks due east of the WTC site. Given the fact that the prevailing wind direction on 9/11 and many time periods thereafter was easterly, we are gravely concerned about the indoor air quality and dust levels we have experienced. The dust clouds when the towers collapsed and the ensuing smoke and blowing dust did not see Broadway as an uncrossable barrier; instead, they enveloped our buildings and even blocked out the sun the morning of 9/11 for a lengthy period of time. Landlords are using the lack of established standards and comprehensive data to their advantage, saying that since their own (possibly biased) sampling showed less than the infamous

one-percent level, they did everything they were obligated to do to clean up. In our building, this consisted of cleaning the windows from inside the apartments with Windex and paper towels, which they then left in the tenants' kitchen trash.

Now, close to six months later, we still have substantial dust deposits which accumulate regularly in our buildings' common spaces and in our apartments. Tenants are becoming increasingly ill—symptoms are NOT decreasing as was expected. Comprehensive testing, especially of bulk samples, is costly for individual tenants/tenant associations, so we have a hard time proving that the conditions are dangerous. We request that you immediately provide the full results of any testing done at or in the vicinity of our building at 80 John Street (between William and Gold). If there was no testing done, we want an explanation as to why not. In addition, we request immediate intervention by the DEP to provide testing in this area. We have bulk samples collected from indoor air conditioners under appropriate measures (certified asbestos personnel wearing protective gear in a contained negative air environment) but we have not been able to afford the tests we require, including TEM, full particle analysis and metals levels. We are taxpayers (many in high brackets, I might add!) and are asking for your action in using some of those tax dollars to help ensure our health and safety. Thank you in advance for your prompt attention to this extremely important matter.

Best Regards,
Cynthia M. Lane
President, 80 John Street Tenants Association

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