

Avaltroni, Robert

From: Grob, Shauna
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2002 5:00 PM
To: Avaltroni, Robert
Subject: FW: Questions and concerns

Bob -- Please respond or have someone at EPA respond. If forwarding to EPA, could you just let Ms. Paukowits know to whom.

Thanks.

Shauna

-----Original Message-----

From: CarrieAnn Paukowits [mailto:cpaukowits@mesamity.com]
Sent: Thursday, September 12, 2002 4:29 PM
To: christopherw@dep.nyc.gov
Subject: Questions and concerns

Dear Commissioner Ward:

As a resident of New York City and a professional meteorologist and air quality scientist, I am extremely concerned about the government's response to air quality issues in New York City. A year ago, New York City faced not only what may be its greatest tragedy, but also what may be the single most destructive air pollution event in its history. Since that day, I have been struggling with many questions, and I hope you can alleviate my fears and concerns over the way the tragedy was handled by the federal, state and local environmental agencies.

Since September 11, 2001, I have been concerned that there seemed to be no modeling of the plume from the World Trade Center. Such modeling could have warned residence ahead of time or in real time of situations when the plume would most greatly effect them. In addition, I am not aware of any analysis of emissions from the melting steel or other building materials that were burned or released into the air, other than asbestos. Perhaps most troubling is that the government used the asbestos monitoring results to convince local residents and workers that the air was safe. This hypothesis was based solely on asbestos, with no mention of the particulate and dust in the air. The respiratory effects of particulate matter can be extremely dangerous, especially in those with pre-existing conditions. Also, the monitoring stations closest to the World Trade Center measured asbestos concentrations exceeding the indoor air standards almost continually. That is a very serious problem, yet, when I spoke to people who worked at the site, they indicated that they did not wear their masks because asbestos is dangerous only when inhaled at such levels over a period of years. As you know, asbestos concentrations at these levels are unhealthy. I believe that he workers should have been warned not to take the situation lightly.

I understand that no person, agency or city could have been prepared for such a tragic event. I also understand that some of these issues may have been out of the control of the DEP. I would like to know if my air pollution concerns were studied, or if DEP can indicate why they were not. A New York Conservation Education Fund survey conducted in early 2001, more New York City residents (38%) named air pollution as the key environmental issue in their community than any other issue. I am very interested in learning more about how the DEP handles air quality issues, and how the DEP is changing and improving to deal with air quality issues in the future.

Sincerely,

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From: Smyth, Virginia
Sent: Thursday, August 29, 2002 12:52 PM
To: Avaltroni, Robert
Subject: FW: Indoor asbestos clean ups for EPA

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From: CLIVE MORRICK [mailto:cmorricks@doi.nyc.gov]
Sent: Thursday, August 29, 2002 12:49 PM
To: virginias@dep.nyc.gov
Subject: Indoor asbestos clean ups for EPA

While you may be putting this package together for EPA, I would like the following:

copies of the 4 winning bids for the indoor remediation

copies of the 4 winning bids for the air monitoring

the indoor remediation specs

the contract(s) with the monitor for the job

Inter office mail will be fine addressed to me at 2 Lafayette St., 17th

Floor, NY, NY

Avaltroni, Robert

From: Hoffer, Mark
Sent: Wednesday, July 31, 2002 5:01 PM
To: Avaltroni, Robert
Cc: Schiano, Frank; Pecunies, Russ
Subject: WTC

Importance: High
Sensitivity: Confidential

1. Re SEMO indemnification - I have a call in to Larry Kahn. Will advise.
2. Re EPA "Fact Sheet" to go along with their access agreement - Frank talked to Beverly Kolenberg (EPA/Legal) within the last hour, who essentially said "it's almost done; it's almost done". (same thing we heard 3 weeks ago). Frank advises that Russ talked to Tom Lieber (EPA/Legal) who essentially said "Don't worry; it will all be wrapped up tomorrow" (whatever that means).
3. Per Frank, when Lieber was advised by Russ that we will not send a letter to EPA "blessing" their scope of work, Lieber essentially said: "Well, we'll tell the AG that DEP must be OK with it, because otherwise they wouldn't let a contract out with that scope."