

Avaltroni, Robert

From: Sumowicz, Alessandra
Sent: Thursday, April 04, 2002 6:04 PM
To: Maldonado, Jane
Cc: Chapin, Diana; Avaltroni, Robert; Miller, James; Gabriel, Edward
Subject: RE: EPA Indoor Working Group Meeting

Jane - please give this to Mike!! Thanks.

We need to raise this at our task force meeting with Kenny and Callahan on Monday! There is no way EPA should be issuing any benchmarks, guidance ... that cannot be attained! This is counter to any common sense.

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From: Maldonado, Jane [mailto:janem@dep.nyc.gov]
Sent: Thursday, April 04, 2002 4:32 PM
To: asumowicz@cityhall.nyc.gov
Cc: Chapin, Diana; Avaltroni, Robert
Subject: EPA Indoor Working Group Meeting

From Michael Gilsenan

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Gilsenan, Michael

From: Gilsenan, Michael
Sent: Friday, March 29, 2002 1:04 PM
To: Chapin, Diana
Cc: Avaltroni, Robert; Sturcken, Charles 001
Subject: RE: EPA Task Force and Working Group meetings

Thanks for the information. Should Environmental Compliance make the meetings or would you prefer some other office setting them up? Also, should we wait until the Law Department and Legal vet out some of the issues they have raised? Thanks.

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From: Chapin, Diana
Sent: Thursday, March 28, 2002 5:00 PM
To: 'Maldonado, Jane'
Cc: Sturcken, Charles; Lanaghan, Mark; Avaltroni, Robert; Gilsenan, Michael; Kusterbeck, William
Subject: RE: EPA Task Force and Working Group meetings

Charlie's Office and mine have contacts and phone numbers for REBNY, BOMA, ABO, Lower Manhattan, etc. (so does Betsy Collins/Kusterbeck re water and sewer rates notices to interested owners). I doubt if there is much utility to OEM acting as a conduit to them since the agency talks to these groups much more frequently, unless it is a group we don't have knowledge of or a contact for in which case they could help.

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From: Maldonado, Jane
Sent: Thursday, March 28, 2002 4:56 PM
To: Chapin, Diana
Cc: Avaltroni, Robert; Hoffer, Mark; Hoffer, Mark 001; Sturcken, Charles; Sturcken, Charles 001
Subject: EPA Task Force and Working Group meetings

I attended the NYC Task Force meeting on Wednesday, March 27 and the EPA Air Working Group meeting on Thursday, March 28. The following are highlights of both meetings.

- At the NYC Task Force I reported that DEP had received approximately 50 referrals from the WTC hotline and 43 had been resolved. In all cases where an inspection was made, no visible debris/dust was observed where a sample could be taken. In addition, I stated that since Senator Clinton's hearing, DEP responded to approximately 100 complaints via DEPHelp and, in 99 cases no visible debris or dust was observed. In the one case where DEP was able to take samples, the sample came back positive and DEP verbally requested a cleanup and the landlord complies. As I write this, DEP has received 58 referrals from the WTC Hotline; 46 have been resolved and 12 are in progress.
- Parks released testing information and cleanup of said parks; only one park tested positive.
- DCAS will be sharing with us, as well as EPA's Indoor Air Working Group, the test results that they have on 20 City-owned buildings as well as 40 leased City buildings. They will add to their report the same fields as we have in our Private Owners testing results report so that City Task Force and EPA Working Group can use and plot the information as needed for their studies.
- DEP's Private Owners testing report was shared with DOITT's contractor, Plan Graphics; DCAS' Sylvia Price; and Dore LaPosta from EPA. Before releasing said information, Lai-Sun and Steven Levi from NYC Law gave the okay to share it among the groups. Law's position was that health and safety should be the groups number one concern. They noted that everyone involved should keep their files in good order since they expect many claims in the future. The next meeting of the Legal group is Wednesday, 10:00 AM, at HPD. I also mentioned to Lai and Steve that DEP was working on sending out a letter to buildings owners, in which DEP identified as having debris, to allow contractors access to the property so that it may be cleaned up. I told them that Mark had the letter and had some issues with our draft. Mark for your