

Lower Manhattan Task Force: To-Do's and Work Groups

All agencies – by Monday, 18 March

- Submit agency requests for FEMA funding for resources needed to participate in Task Force activities to Sam Benson at OEM (sbenson@oem.nyc.gov)
- Provide brief information on your agency's operational involvement with post 9-11 activities to Sam Benson at OEM (sbenson@oem.nyc.gov)
- Include a list of what data and resources you have
- If a City agency, check that your information is the same as reported in the Mayor's Management Report (MMR)

Next Meeting of Full Task Force – Weds, 20 March, 2:30 pm; 100 Gold St, 2 floor, Manhattan Rm
(let Lee know if you need to be conferenced in lilan@cityhall.nyc.gov)

Work Groups

Legal Group – coordinated by Lai-Sun Yee (lyee@oem.nyc.gov) at OEM

Participants: General Counsels at OEM, Law Dept, DEP, DOH, DOB, HPD, NYCHA, DOS, FDNY, EPA, OSHA, DEC

Issues to examine:

- Summary of agencies' authority
- Access
- Enforcement authority
- Compelling/doing repairs
- What information and relationships do agencies have
- Agencies' requiring, receiving, and disclosing information
- Access to terraces
- Jurisdiction for cleaning
- Definition of hazardous material
- Items for FEMA scope of work

Site Operations – coordinated by Health/Safety Steering committee through Bob Adams at DDC (adamsr@ddc.nyc.gov) or Sam Benson at OEM (sbenson@oem.nyc.gov)

This group is already running and has regular meetings

Issues to examine:

- Forward any issues for FEMA scope of work to OEM

EPA Indoor Air Task Force and Work Group – coordinated by EPA ()

This group is already running and has regular meetings – next ones: Work Group- 21 March, 10am; Task Force- 25 March, 10am

Issues to examine:

- guidelines, not regulatory process for
 - standards
 - benchmarks
- chemicals of concern (*The sub group examining this topic is already running and has regular meetings/calls – next one: 18 March 2 p.m., conference call 202-260-1015, access code 4603#*).
- what's not of concern and why

efficacy and safety of cleaning

Items for FEMA scope of work

Business Group – coordinated by D/M Econ Dev through Laurel Blatchford

(lblatchford@cityhall.nyc.gov)

Participants: EDC, D/M Econ Devel, DBS, LMDC

Health Effects Group – coordinated by DOH through Jim Miller (jmiller@health.nyc.gov)

Participants: City DOH, HHS, OSHA, ATSDR, CDC, PESH, FDNY, NIOSH, State DOH

Issues to examine:

Registries

Studies

“science” – what can and can’t it do?

Summarize data

Interpret data

Recommend testing?

Recommend cleaning?

Prioritize geographic areas for any testing/cleaning

Criteria for cleaning companies

Items for FEMA scope of work

Buildings Group – coordinated by Sam Benson at OEM (sbenson@oem.nyc.gov)

Next meeting – Monday, 18 March, 9 am at OEM, 11 Water Street in Brooklyn

Participants: OEM, DOB, DOH, NYCHA, HPD, DEP, DCAS, MOO, Landmarks, DOITT

Issues to examine:

Inventory of buildings

Current status of structures

Destroyed

Damaged

Debris

Not reinhabited?

Summary of sampling and clean-up information for each building

Indoor cleaning recommendations

Data presentation

Items for FEMA scope of work

Public Confidence/ Outreach/ Media Group – coordinated by D/M Econ Dev through Laurel Blatchford (lblatchford@cityhall.nyc.gov)

Next meeting – Monday, 18 March, 2 pm at 100 Gold Street, 2 Floor, Manhattan Room

Participants: D/M Econ Dev, Mayor’s Press Office, CAU, DOH, ATSDR, DOT, DEP, EPA, OSHA, MOO, Port Authority, Intergovernmental, DOITT

Issues to examine:

Respond to complaints/testimony

Press announcements

Timing

One place for information

Web site

Public participation

Data presentation

Air quality index?

Items for FEMA scope of work

Diesel Emissions Reduction – coordinated through DEC/MOEC

Participants: DEC, MOEC, City DOT, DDC, DEP, OMB, EPA, NESCAUM

This group is already running.