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MEMORANDUM

To: First Deputy Commissioner Chapin
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CC: Chief of Staff Sturcken
Deputy Director BEC Gilsenan

From: Paul Bennett, Director - NYCDEP Emergency Management *PB*

Date: December 21, 2001

Re: WTC Joint Incident Command Summary Report for 12/21/01

Attached is a summary of the information presented at the 12/21/01 WTC Joint Incident Command thrice weekly (M-W-F) meeting.

With regard to the development of a Hazardous Materials incident Response Plan indicated in the summary, I will find out more information about it and forward the details to D/C Avaltroni for further action.

If you should have any questions, please contact me.





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WTC JOINT INCIDENT COMMAND SUMMARY 12/21/01

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Several issues came up at today's Joint FDNY/DDC Ground Zero Incident Command meeting, held at 3 World Financial Center at 0900 hours, which I would like to bring to your attention. They are as follows:

Haz-Mat Issues: The contractors were informed today that any drums or cylinders found in the pile will be immediately reported to the FDNY Command Post. EPA will then examine the suspect containers so they may be removed by the EPA emergency contractor.

A Hazardous Material Incident Response Plan is being drafted by the WTC Safety Committee and will be available the week ending 12/28/01.

NYSDOT Issues: As of 12/26/01 1 lane of traffic will be open to buses only, within the perimeter on Church Street.

NYSDOT is in the process of expediting the opening of 2 lanes of traffic, one in each direction, on the southbound side of West Street. This is expected to take place in January 2002.

Contractor Issues: WTC Building 6 was taken down yesterday, 12/20/01. Repairs to the Amex building will be completed by 12/31/01.

A holiday schedule will be implemented beginning 12/24/01 at 1900 hours to 0700 hours on 12/26/01. There will be no debris removal offsite, pier operations will be shutdown at the barge, and a skeleton crew will be operating 2 grapples on the pile.

FDNY Issue: The FDNY West Command Center located on the southwest corner of West & Vesey Street is currently on top of the access for a tide gate. FDNY is working with NYSDOT to move the Command Post to a position on West Street which will not impede the reopening of West Street to traffic. The expectation is the Command Post to be moved no later than 01/04/02.

All Agencies: All confined space entries made within the Ground Zero perimeter must be reported to the Fire Department Command Post before any entries are made.

Handouts included:

Emergency On-Site Hotline

OSHA sampling results as of 12/20/01

Liberty Mutual: Industrial Hygiene Air Sample Results for weeks 11/25/01 - 12/02/01

OSHA Crystalline Silica Handout

WTC Clean Fuel Retrofit Project

FDNY Incident Action Plan 12/21/01

DDC Incident Plan dated 12/19/01

WTC Daily Safety Report