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January 7, 2003

Ms. Diane Lapson
 Chairperson
 Independence Plaza Tenant Association – Environmental Committee
 40 Harrison Street, PII
 New York, New York 10013

Dear Ms. Lapson:

This is in response to your recent correspondences regarding the carpeting at Independence Plaza North.

The Department has been in communication with the building management and the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) regarding the testing and cleaning activities at Independence Plaza. According to our information, the USEPA will oversee the cleaning and testing of the common areas after the removal and disposal of the carpeting. The cleaning and monitoring will be in accordance with the procedures for the indoor residential cleaning and testing program.

In reference to the sampling of carpeting using “ultrasonication” or “microvac” sampling, these methods are not approved methods for asbestos sampling. The Department position regarding analytical methods not accredited by the New York State Department of Health was documented in correspondences to building owners and their representatives on September 14 and September 26, 2001. The Department requested and received bulk sample results from the hallways. The results indicated asbestos-containing material was not present.

Please use your access identification at the USEPA web site, www.epa.gov to obtain additional information regarding the cleaning program at Independence Plaza. If you have any questions, please contact me directly at (718) 595-3721.

Sincerely,

R. Radhakrishnan, P.E.
 Director
 Asbestos Control Program

Maldonado, Jane

From: Theodorellys, Penny
Sent: Monday, January 13, 2003 9:18 AM
To: Maldonado, Jane
Cc: Radhakrishnan, Krish
Subject: FW: NYC.gov - Correspondence #1-4139071 Message to Commissioner, DEP - Asbestos Abatement

Jane,

We responded to the written correspondence referred to in this e-mail. Krish gave Mike a copy of it last week. No further action is necessary on this e-mail.

The referenced buildings are in the USEPA's Testing and Cleaning Program.

Penny

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

From: McCarthy, Anne
Sent: Thursday, January 09, 2003 4:07 PM
To: Avaltroni, Robert
Cc: Radhakrishnan, Krish
Subject: FW: NYC.gov - Correspondence #1-4139071 Message to Commissioner, DEP - Asbestos Abatement

Please respond.

Your NYC.gov CRM Correspondence Number is 1-4139071

DATE RECEIVED: 01/08/2003 17:38:00

DATE DUE: 01/22/2003

Message Type: Complaint

Topic: Asbestos Abatement

Contact Info: Yes

M/M: Ms

First Name: Diane

Middle Name: S.

Last Name: Lapson

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City: New York

State: NY

Postal Code: 10013

Country: United States

Work Phone #: 212-473-5900

Email Address: PII

Message: We have written about IPN and it's conditions with asbestos, etc. from Ground Zero many times. The DEP has chosen not to respond to us.

Therefore, we are now sending copies of our letters and problem with one particular floor of carpeting at 310 Greenwich Street - to the Mayor's staff; all of our elected officials and the press.

It is inexcusable that the DEP has taken a silent stance when American Citizens have been attacked by terrorists. This is actually a further assault to the very tax payers that support our public offices.

I am including this in our letter to the Mayors Office.

In the future, we will no longer try to ingratiate ourselves by copying your office on these issues. It is obvious that you do not have the decency to respond to a serious health hazard and your silence is duly noted.

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