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**Re: DEP Scope of Work
for 125 Cedar St.**

Dear Mr. Gilsenan:

As you know, I represent the tenants at 125 Cedar St. I am writing to provide you with the tenants' comments on the draft scope of work for cleaning procedures for 125 Cedar Street.

Purpose clause: This defines the scope of work as cleaning the building interiors consisting of 12 floors. This is incorrect. The building has 13 stories plus a basement. The entire building is supposed to be cleaned, not just the residential floors. This must be corrected, as it is contrary to what was promised by the EPA and the DEP, and it will not result in a safe and clean building.

This paragraph would probably also be the appropriate place to define the "work site" as the entire building known as 125 Cedar St. a.k.a. 110 Liberty St., including the storage rooms on each floor.

Scope of work:

(13) It has to be clear that items within apartments cannot be disposed of without prior authorization by the

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tenant, as opposed to the building owner. As written, the Scope provides that if the contractor cannot clean an item that is marked to be cleaned, the contractor will contact DEP. We need an agreement with DEP that DEP will then contact the tenant before the item is disposed of.

(14) During the walk through, the tenants were only directed to identify items to be cleaned, with the understanding that items not tagged are to be discarded. The Scope as written is not consistent with this.

(14)(a) The definition of what is included in this category has to be more specific. Specifically, it should apply to all personal property except built-ins and kitchen stoves and refrigerators.

Also, it must be made clear that it is the contractor's responsibility to dispose of items marked for disposal.

(14)(b) A sentence should be added that the contractor must take care not to damage built-ins, similar to the sentence in (14)(a) providing that "Care must be taken not to damage the item."

(14)(c) It must be clarified that it is the contractor's responsibility to dispose of all refrigerators and stoves, as well as any washing machines and dryers which cannot be cleaned.

(17) The clearance air standard must be listed in this document and must be the health-based standard for asbestos, and should include standards for metals, mercury and dioxin. This paragraph must also specify the testing methods to be used, which should include aggressive testing for air quality.

(23) This paragraph is critical. The purpose of the walk throughs of the building, attended by tenants and representatives of the DEP and the EPA, was to define specific cleaning needs in particular apartments. We need to see that these are defined correctly for each apartment before the Scope is sent out. In addition, this paragraph is probably

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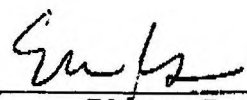
the place that should provide the special cleaning methods that will be necessary for the floors, because of the dust accumulated beneath the surface and between the boards.

(25) It must provide that the tenants will be provided with a copy of this report.

We look forward to speaking with you about these issues as soon as possible, so that the scope of work can be finalized and the cleaning of the building can finally begin.

Very truly yours,

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