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Subject: Commitments Made and Issues Raised at Meeting with Residents from 125 Cedar



Meeting with 125
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Attached to this message is a document containing the commitments made and issues raised at the meeting with residents from 125 Cedar St. on 6/26/02.

(See attached file: Meeting with 125 Cedar 6-26-02.wpd)

**Commitments Made and Issues Raised
Meeting with Residents from 125 Cedar Street
June 26, 2002**

Commitments Made:

1. EPA will communicate to the residents what Bob Fitzpatrick's role in the cleanup process will be.
2. Mike Gilsenan will coordinate with NYC DOH on getting a mold expert to do a walk through.
 - a. Mold is on the ceilings and the ceiling is made of plaster.
3. EPA will determine whether there will be an OSC for the cleanup.
 - a. Will the OSC coordinate with Bob Fitzpatrick?
 - b. Will the OSC be present and supervise the work?
 - c. Who will document EPA's involvement?
4. Bob Fitzpatrick will research ways to deal with clothing exposed to asbestos?
 - a. Does cleaning work and, if so, what method?
 - b. Does ATSDR have a study?
5. Residents will make a list of what items were removed from the apartments and where it is being stored.
 - a. Residents will also include the condition of the items when they were placed in storage.
6. Mike Gilsenan will check on containment procedures for the Deutsche Bank building due to its proximity to 125 Cedar.
7. Mike Gilsenan will ask 114 Liberty to supply their environmental data from building cleanup.
 - a. This will tell if they are doing an asbestos abatement and the results.
8. EPA will schedule a general walk-through with residents for Monday, July 1, 2002.
 - a. Mike Gilsenan will assign someone from the DEP for Monday, July 1st.
 - b. Bob Fitzpatrick and Ben Barry from EPA will also be present.
 - c. A second walk through will be scheduled to remove personal articles residents want to keep.
9. Mike Gilsenan will make a general time line for the cleanup process and supply it to the residents.

Issues Raised:

1. The DEP will treat 125 Cedar St. as an asbestos containing building and the cleanup will proceed like a full asbestos abatement with licenced contractors.
2. Why did the DEP take over?
 - a. FEMA funding stipulates the DEP is to clean exteriors of buildings and unoccupied buildings.
 - b. EPA has funding to clean interiors of occupied buildings.
3. DEP will write the scope of work with an EPA review.
 - a. A consultant will write the SOW.
 - b. DEP will identify the consultant within a week of this meeting.
4. Bidding process:
 - a. Takes 1-1 ½ weeks.
 - b. Contractor to write the SOW will be on-board by the week of July 1st.
 - c. The SOW should be ready by the end of the week of July 8th.
 - d. The SOW will include all work that will be done at 125 Cedar.
5. Residents would like the DEP and EPA to inform them if there are items that are a potential contamination risk.
6. Can residents be present during the cleanup?
 - a. A consultant can be present as long as they are licenced and certified in asbestos abatement.
 - b. Residents can schedule times to come in, but must use PPE and follow safety regulations.
 - c. All residents would want to come back at some point during the cleaning process.
7. DEP can maybe set up a decontamination area near the site to clean personal items that were removed from apartments before the abatement process began.
8. If the building is tested at 6 months and it is still hot for contaminants, what will the EPA do?
 - a. Unknown at this point.
 - b. Depends on the events that occur after cleaning.