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Shauna,

I have been playing telephone tag with the folks at FEMA working on the press release we discussed. In my conversation with them yesterday, they asked if this would be a press event in addition to the press release.

Do you know if Chris has a preference?

Lastly, I have made modifications to what was originally drafted. Obviously, we want Chris to feel comfortable with his own style and intent so make any changes you deem necessary.

I will advise when we receive FEMA's quote.

Bob

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The New York City Department of Environmental Protection's Commissioner, Christopher O. Ward, today announced that the Exterior Building Cleanup Program, begun on June 7, has to date, cleaned 81 roofs and exteriors of buildings in the downtown area.

The exterior cleanup program is part of a federal, state and local government program to further reassure the public that air quality in lower Manhattan is, and will continue to be, safe for residents, workers and visitors. Commissioner Ward said, "that by instituting progressive initiatives such as the exterior building cleanup, we will promote public confidence as we allow lower Manhattan to realize its full potential."

The Exterior Building Cleanup Program is funded in its entirety by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, whose support has been unwavering. **INJECT FEMA'S QUOTE.** Under the program, building owners whose properties have been identified as having World Trade Center debris are eligible to have the debris removed at no cost. To date, over 1,000 buildings in the downtown area have been inspected. In addition to the 81 buildings cleaned to date, 56 buildings are either in the process of being cleaned or have been scheduled for future cleanup.

The work is being conducted by licensed asbestos contractors, under the supervision of DEP personnel. Commissioner Ward said, "cleanups are being conducted at times that are least intrusive to the residents and businesses in the area."

Additionally, 60 buildings have been cleaned by building owners, independent of the government program.

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