

Avaltroni, Robert

From: Avaltroni, Robert
Sent: Thursday, July 25, 2002 4:20 PM
To: Ward, Chris
Cc: Grob, Shauna
Subject: FW: Director's quote for NYC DEP release

Chris,

Please find the attached draft press release (including FEMA's quote) for your review and comments.

FEMA is willing to follow our lead with regard to press release or event and release.

Please advise.



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—Original Message—

From: Wellmeier, Steve [mailto:Steve.Wellmeier@fema.gov]
Sent: Thursday, July 25, 2002 3:21 PM
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Cc: McIntyre, James; Roberts, Rob
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Hi, Bob.

Attached is quote from Director Allbaugh, along with another sentence we would like to include, for your exterior cleaning update press release.

We remain interested in using this news, and perhaps the kick-off of the interior cleaning program, for a possible joint press event in the near future.

Rob Roberts from our office will touch base with you on this possibility.

Let us know if you have any questions.

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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. Throughout the process, we have had unwavering support from the Federal Emergency Management Agency."

The exterior building cleanup program is entirely funded by a \$10.1 grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, through the FEMA / State of New York Public Assistance Program. President Bush authorized FEMA to pay for 100 percent of the program costs following his disaster declaration after the Sept. 11 tragedy.

"Our aim is a safe and secure environment in lower Manhattan for the millions of residents, workers and visitors who spend time there," said FEMA Director Joe M. Allbaugh. "Supporting the city's efforts to reduce and eliminate any possible harmful effects caused by the continued presence of this material is FEMA's goal."

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.

FEMA

The New York City Department of Environmental Protection's Commissioner, Christopher O. Ward, today announced that the Exterior Building Cleanup has completed cleaning the roof and exteriors of 71 buildings in the downtown area.

The exterior cleanup program is one part of the federal, state and local government's overall comprehensive program to reassure the public that air quality in lower Manhattan is, and will continue to be, safe for residents, workers and visitors. Continuing to gain the public's confidence in air quality in and around the World Trade Center site is important to the ongoing renewal and future development of lower Manhattan.

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Under the program, building owners whose property has been identified by inspectors as having World Trade Center debris are eligible to have the debris removed from their buildings at no cost. To date, over 1,000 buildings in the downtown area have been visually inspected for possible WTC debris. In addition to the 71 buildings already cleaned, 56 buildings are scheduled for cleaning; some are already underway.

An additional 60 buildings have been cleaned by building owners privately, outside of DEP and FEMA's cleanup program. All these buildings have had their cleanup verified by a DEP inspector to ensure that all debris was removed.

The work is being conducted by licensed asbestos contractors, supervised by DEP personnel. Asbestos contractors are being used to ensure that debris removal is done in the most protective manner possible to the public and workers. DEP personnel and their contractors have been working since June 7 to complete the 71 buildings.

The work is being conducted at times which are most convenient for the businesses and residents in the area, and includes weekends and nights.

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Your message

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