

Avaltroni, Robert

From: Avaltroni, Robert
Sent: Wednesday, February 05, 2003 4:32 PM
To: 'Gair, Brad'
Subject: RE: 114 Liberty

Brad,

I can fit in Friday about 2:30 p.m. or so after several earlier meetings and before a 6:00 p.m. meeting in Queens. With respect to the access agreements, this falls in the category of just when you've seen it all then comes tomorrow. This has not been a DEP or 114 Liberty tenants' issue, but has evolved into an aggravating City Law Department issue that I am in the process of resolving. We will be able to have signed access agreements for the commencement of the cleanup work scheduled for March 1. I don't feel we have other impediments and look forward to confidentially strategizing our game plan that promotes expeditious preoccupation. I am aware of your sensitive position with respect to the global March 10 end date to recipients. I'm sure collectively we can figure out a way to handle this unique situation without compromising FEMA's global end date target.

Regards,

Bob

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From: Gair, Brad [mailto:Brad.Gair@fema.gov]
 Sent: Wednesday, February 05, 2003 2:42 PM
 To: 'ravaltroni@dep.nyc.gov'
 Subject: Re: 114 Liberty

Bob,

Ok. How is your schedule for Friday late afternoon, if I can get something set up. If not, give me some dates and times that work.

Also, what is the status of the 114 Liberty property owners signing the release to allow DEP access/permission to clean. I would like to tell the owners that a meeting is predicated on a signed release to show their good faith efforts to expeditiously reoccupy. If they have already signed, then this is not an issue.

Please advise.

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From: Avaltroni, Robert <ravaltroni@dep.nyc.gov>
 To: 'Gair, Brad' <Brad.Gair@fema.gov>
 Sent: Wed Feb 05 13:29:21 2003
 Subject: RE: 114 Liberty

Brad,

I am perfectly willing to meet with the owners to articulate our "one-voice" commitment. I agree that we need to be sympathetic, but also realize the owner's responsibility to take appropriate measures to address their future. I would suggest we meet at your office and agree that a timely follow-up building tour take place with their architects. We need to strongly convey to these people that our meeting be restricted to FEMA, DEP and it's owners. As discussed, we are moving the cleanup process with an anticipated start date of March 1, and an ultimate conclusion date no later than March 31 barring no unforeseen circumstances, i.e., EPA clearance level attainment. We should talk confidentially with respect to your options from a funding perspective. Once again, as you know, I am adverse to spending any dollars needlessly or unnecessarily. This is an unique situation but one we will successfully resolve. Partner, let's set a date that is mutually acceptable and conduct the meeting. If you need to talk to me, I am in my office.

Regards,

Bob

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From: Gair, Brad [mailto:Brad.Gair@fema.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, February 05, 2003 12:57 PM
To: 'ravaltroni@dep.nyc.gov'
Subject: 114 Liberty

Bob,

I am continuing to consider options for 114 Liberty, and the obvious first step is to meet with the owners and hear their story. Would you be willing to join me. I do not want them to continue trying to play us off each other.

I want to be sympathetic, but I also want them to start taking responsibility for their own recovery.

If we do meet, where would you recommend. Probably also will need a follow-up building tour with their architects. No media or elected officials.

What do you say.

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