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**From:** Avaltroni, Robert  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 17, 2003 11:45 AM  
**To:** Ward, Chris  
**Cc:** Grob, Shauna; Tweedy, David  
**Subject:** Lower Manhattan Clean-Up - 114 Liberty Street

Please find the e-mail below from David Stanke, President of the Tenants Association at 114 Liberty Street, for your review. This seems to me to be sort of a guilt e-mail acknowledging DEP's efforts.

We are not going to respond to Mr. Stanke, but I thought you might be interested in this communication. This definitely falls in the category of no good deed goes unpunished. We will persevere, although I must say this fiasco is debilitating to the morale of my staff.

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From: Gilsenan, Michael  
Sent: Wednesday, September 17, 2003 11:39 AM  
To: Avaltroni, Robert  
Subject: FW: Apologies

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From: Dave Stanke [mailto:davestanke@cs.com]  
Sent: Wednesday, September 17, 2003 12:42 AM  
To: Penny Theodorellys; Gilsenan, Michael  
Subject: Apologies

Michael and Penny,

I'm sorry about how the recent press stories might affect you. I have been very careful not to criticize the DEP, because I believe that both of you, and the others who worked on the project from the DEP did your best to help us out, and you did help us out. There were limits on what you could do and there were time pressures that were hard on us and damaging to the quality of the project. These were the work of FEMA and the EPA. The EPA also set up the testing standards that don't detect the smaller asbestos particles.

While not an expert, I have seen enough about the EPA to be very suspicious of their actions.

But . . . I have never felt that way about you or your efforts. I've tried to tell reporters that you (the DEP, I don't mention names) worked hard in a difficult environment to help us along. But that isn't what the press is focusing on.

So I am very sorry about pain these reports have caused you. I hope you are both well, and I will call you in the near future . . . maybe once our final cleanup gets underway. Please call me at any time if there is anything I can help you with.

Sincerely,  
Dave Stanke