

Sept 20
9/20/01

We are getting many calls with respect to reoccupancy and are working as closely as possible with building owners and the contractors to effectively expedite necessary measures. However, some of the buildings that have been highlighted including 100 Church, 40 Rector, etc., show significant problems requiring cleanup efforts that will take much time. We have been to all locations in the area (ground zero, perimeter, etc.) and have seen the devastation and significant work to be done as we move to recovery.

We have had a dialogue with the DOH as previously suggested and are awaiting a script to disseminate to our help line so we may have one voice in speaking to air quality questions and concerns.

We are also attempting to work diligently with EPA in all efforts and are running into what was considered to be normal problems in an effort as huge as the one we are confronted with. These communication problems have come about due to the number of individuals at various points of the process and at various stages of the process that came to offer us assistance. We will work through these anticipated problems and attempt to convey that same "one voice" message to the people of our City to avoid confusion and concerns.

Asbestos
9/20/01

TESTING AT GROUND ZERO BY DEP HAZMAT
From 9/13 – 9/19

Freon	Negative
VOC's	Negative
Chlorine	Negative
Methane	Negative
H2 Cynaide	Negative
Lower Explosive Levels	Negative
Carbon Monoxide	Slightly elevated

cleanup
9/20/01

September 21, 2001 AM update

BUREAU OF ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE'S
PLANS FOR CLEANING BATTERY PARK SOUTH

- All streets including Rector Place
- All areas between West Street and South End Avenue (playgrounds, walkways, gardens, etc.
- South End Avenue up to Merrill Lynch Building (West of West Street; North of Liberty)
- Entire promenade on Hudson River side

Commissioner WTC Update for 9/27/01:

Deputy Commissioner Avaltroni met with Letitia Remauro and Ann Kutter of the Battery Park City Authority yesterday to discuss the promenade areas that need to be addressed. The areas to be cleaned were identified. EPA will do the cleaning. More sensitive areas will be cleaned by Battery Park City Authority contractors.

Area located at South End Avenue from Albany Street to the Marina Ramp has not yet been cleaned. Air sampling done in the area on 9/26 & 9/27 resulted in elevated air sample levels. DEP recommends that no public access to the area be permitted until the situation has been addressed.

Brian Peters from Bovis has indicated that trucks will be rerouted to West Street. DEP will request that EPA clean the area tonight.

Building Management was advised that the ledges on the parking garage need to be cleaned of debris. Additionally, the Tower Building at Gateway Plaza Has Broken windows and debris on the building's eastern facade. Wind cause the debris to fall to the ground. DEP recommends that the Building Management address the situation with netting or some similar type of protection.

Air sample levels on the street are expected to remain elevated until cleaning takes place.

Air samples will be performed upon completion of cleaning. When results are satisfactory for 2 consecutive days - DEP can recommend the area be reopened to residents.

Lefrak
9/28/01

September 28, 2001

Gateway Plaza

On Friday, September 28, 2001 (approximately 5:00 p.m.) the Bureau of Environmental Compliance received a call from Katherine Freed's office regarding residents not being allowed to get into 345, 355, 365, 375 and 385 South End Avenue (Gateway Plaza) to retrieve their valuables, etc.. At approximately the same time, Mr. Lefrak's office called to say that approximately 100 irate residents were assembled in the area demanding to get back into their apartments (again to get clothes, passports, etc.).

Environmental Compliance called Department of Health (DOH) and spoke to Jessica Leighton asking for her assistance in resolving this issue. She explained that from DOH's perspective, residents could be allowed to enter their apartments because it was a short-term exposure risk. She advised that poly be put down to allow for a temporary walkway for the residents. Also, she advised that residents should wear a dust mask and when the residents were in the apartment to disturb dusty areas as little as possible. Remove shoes before entering the apartment and clean the clothes they were wearing as soon as possible. These instructions were passed on to Mr. Lefrak. He asked assistance in getting dust masks and I told him we would try. Paul Bennett was advised of same. Moustafa Fawzy was advised of same and Moustafa also informed me that his unit had no dust masks. First Deputy Commissioner Chapin was also advised of the solution we were able to obtain.

4wfc
9/28/01

September 28, 2001

Battery Park City inquiry (4 WFC Merrill Lynch)

Deputy Commissioner Avaltroni received a call from Tony Woo concerning EPA's setting up a DeCon Operation in very close proximity to 4 World Financial Center (Merrill Lynch). They asked if the DeCon Operation could be relocated one block north on West Street which would be away from the Merrill Lynch building. In our conversation with EPA they said that OEM and DOH had approved the location for De Con at Vesey and West Street.

We have asked Paul Bennett to inquire if we have an alternate site that could be used by EPA in this effort.

We are told that Merrill Lynch has lights and power at 4 WFC and are conducting clean-up activities intending on bringing in some personnel on Monday 10/1 with an eye toward occupying on 10/8. We are reviewing the location to deem how we can provide assistance and perform any necessary testing prior to occupancy.

FDC Chapin has been advised of our efforts.

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10/1/01

ADDENDUM

COMMISSIONER'S WTC UPDATE FOR 9/30/01

- DOH has put a vehicle advisory on its website. It is included in its section on Frequently Asked Questions related to air quality following the WTC disaster.
- Freshkills Landfill – EPA has been doing air monitoring for asbestos since September 18/19. September 18/19 seems a little spotty; however, since September 20, they have been sampling twice a day. Their results are shared with OSHA, NIOSH, and State and City DOH.