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From: Sturcken, Charles
Sent: Wednesday, March 13, 2002 11:29 AM
To: Avaltroni, Robert
Cc: 'cward@panynj.gov'; Chapin, Diana
Subject: FW: FW: CALL THE OEM AIR QUALITY HOTLINE (212) 221-8635

as discussed.

—Original Message—

From: Bellow.Bonnie@epamail.epa.gov
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Charlie: Here's the email that is circulating.

From: Jennakilt@aol.com [mailto:Jennakilt@aol.com]
Sent: Monday, March 11, 2002 9:41 AM
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stuy parents and others:

the attached is from kimberly flynn of joel kupferman's office and the
 environmental law project. please make the calls she suggests acc to
 her instructions.

jenna

— Message from <Xrodes@aol.com> on Mon, 11 Mar 2002 09:29:56 -0500
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To: <Jennakilt@aol.com>, <MaureenSi@aol.com>,
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Subject: CALL THE OEM AIR QUALITY HOTLINE (212) 221-8635

Dear Everyone—

The OEM Air Quality Hotline opens today. That number is (212) 221-8635.
 As the NY Times reported, the phone line will operate Monday through
 Friday from 11 am to 7 pm.

We should spread the word that everyone needs to start calling with
 their requests for info, clean-up and also accounts of health effects.
 (If they won't accept and agree to make a record of your health
 complaints, ask them whom you should call to make such a report. Ask
 them when the Health Registry will be up and running.) Ask them when the
 barge will be moved. Please take notes. When you get off the phone,
 write down the conversation as completely as you can, with the date and
 time of the call. At the City Council hearing last Friday, Council



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member Christine Quinn was very interested in knowing how well this hotline would work—and I think we should give her a full report.

Also it's important that folks who speak Chinese and Spanish call, and then let everyone know whether the city has made provision for non-English speaking communities.

(FYI, The OEM has run hotlines in the last few summers to answer questions and address concerns about West Nile Virus and the pesticides the city was using, and to provide info on spray schedules. The Law Project has received many reports from residents about incorrect information, from unreliable spray schedules, to bad advice and innacurate info about the pesticides. More than a week into the 1999 spray campaign, a Queens resident who had been directly sprayed discovered, when she called the hotline for information about the pesticide, that the OEM, which ran the campaign, did not even have the Material Safety Data Sheet for malathion—despite the fact that OEM was required by law to have it in their possession as soon as they started applying the pesticide.)

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