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Subject: Re: FW: DEP building survey



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FYI: Re : Reimbursements

- (1) Here is the information we gave out to callers to the hotline re: reimbursement for HEPA's , A/C's + air purifiers from the Individual and Family Grant program. It's a FEMA funded program administered by the NYS Dept of Labor. There was some discussion a few weeks back about people who did not want a new A/C but wanted their existing one cleaned. We were told professional cleaning was a reimbursable expense. There has also been concern from the IFG that people who did not have A/C's would see an opportunity to get one so there was some discussion of having people take pictures of their existing A/C (don't think that idea went any where) . The limit per family is \$500 for an A/C and professional cleaning at \$250. This stuff tends to change so it may be different now.
- (2) For whatever it's worth, in my conversations with the people at IFG , I know they were concerned about FEMA requirements to cover the entire "disaster area" (about 10 counties including the 5 in NYC I think) so technically people miles away from Ground Zero would qualify. But maybe there's a middle ground between all five boroughs and below Canal. Folks in and around Chinatown have been consistently turned away for relief services if they live 2 feet above Canal St. so maybe Houston or Delancey makes more sense. The Lower Manhattan Development Corp has three zones for financial assistance and one of these includes Chinatown and part of the Lower East Side below Delancey St. (this is info they have proposed as of 5/22/02 - more info at www.renewnyc.com) so perhaps the program could use those boundaries.
- (3) One more issue: the people who live in Al Smith Houses and other NYCHA buildings (Seward Park, LaGuardia) have been told of off and on as various financial assistance plans have been proposed that they would not be eligible - not sure of the thinking behind that but I would strongly urge that we make sure these folks who tend to have the least resources not be disqualified.

Jim Miller 06/06/02 09:05AM >>>

Bob/Mike—Has DEP's survey of building exteriors determined a boundary for an "all clear" zone, i.e., where inspections are consistently negative, or is this still a work in progress. DEC is asking (see below).

Carl—What's the contact number for DEC's HEPA vacuum, A/C, and A/C filter program?

DOH folks—Please note the HEPA vacuum, A/C, and A/C filter offer from DEC. Were you aware of this? If not, please pass along this information to community groups in impacted areas.

"Ilan, Lee" <ilan@cityhall.nyc.gov> 06/05/02 06:41PM >>>

Carl Johnson (NYS DEC) is looking to give DOL some geographical guidance for its assistance program.

Any thoughts on how I should respond?

Thanks, Lee

—Original Message—

From: Carl Johnson [mailto:cxjohnso@gw.dec.state.ny.us]
Sent: Tuesday, June 04, 2002 5:21 PM
To: lilan@cityhall.nyc.gov
Subject: DEP building survey

Hi. State Dept. of Labor is looking to scale back its residential assistance program , which had been multi-county. This program makes HEPA vacs, air conditioners, filters, etc. available to residents who request them. As of today, they're just going to do the 5 boroughs. They would like to bring it in even closer to the impacted area, and probably use the same boundaries that EPA chose for the residential cleaning program, but they're looking at whether there's some sort of basis for picking the smaller area. I wondered if DEP's survey of rooftop asbestos might help to give them comfort that they're picking a generous enough area; last I recalled, Canal Street was well away from the farthest building on which asbestos was found. Is there an updated version of DEP's information available?

HEPAvacs, Air Purifiers, and Air Conditioners

REIMBURSEMENT *Revised April 19, 2002*

- 1. Call FEMA to Register 1-800-621-3362**
- 2. Tell them you want to be reimbursed for a HEPAvac, Air Purifier , and/or Air Conditioner or professional cleaning of existing air conditioner**
- 3. FEMA will pass this information on to the New York State Individual & Family Grants (IFG) program**
- 4. You can call the IFG information line 24 hours after registering with FEMA to see if they have processed the request IFG phone: 1-866-346-0348**
- 5. The IFG will send you some forms within 2 weeks.**
- 6. Fill out the forms and send 2 other documents:**
 - a. Letter from insurance company denying coverage (when you call FEMA they will ask if you have insurance)**
 - b. Original receipt of the item purchased**
- 7. The IFG will send you a check.**

REMEMBER: You have to purchase the item first. FEMA & IFG will not provide funding to purchase these items.

NOTE: Air Conditioners are reimbursable, but there may be a limit to how much each household will be reimbursed. Callers should check with the IFG about limits per household.

New York City Lower Manhattan Air Quality Hotline (212) 221-8635