

Avaltroni, Robert

From: Kelpin, Gerry
Sent: Friday, June 28, 2002 10:57 AM
To: Avaltroni, Robert; Gilsenan, Michael (ex)
Subject: Summary of LMDC Meeting - 6/27/02

After we got over the communication issue, which was that the subcommittee expected a discussion on the indoor air scope and procedures, I discussed the exterior program.

On the indoor air issue, apparently, one of the sub-committee chairs, Madelyn Wils, had spoken to the Commission and I got the impression that he indicated that the indoor air scope of work would be made available to the subcommittee. Laurel indicated that she would speak to the Commissioner about whatever that conversation covered and explained that she had contacted our Bureau and asked that we update the committee on the exterior effort, which may have resulted in this miscommunication, etc., etc.

As you might expect, there were some reasonable comments and suggestions and some discussions of shortfalls in the program.

Clarifications -

In the definition of facade, does it include interior court yard walls or only those walls that face the street. I believe one of the buildings that has a court yard or a court yard created by several buildings is 176 Broadway.

A suggestion was to post notices in the building and the buildings surrounding to inform people of the cleanup and give them the opportunity to close windows and shut off air conditioners, if they so desire.

A few people asked if the list of buildings to be cleaned was available and/or on a website. Some one asked for the list of every thing we visited.

Another suggestion was to utilize some of the outreach efforts that are going on for the grant programs to reach building owners who have not submitted a license agreement. We could discuss this with Amy Peterson.

People want to make sure the exterior clean up project is completed before the indoor work starts to prevent recontamination.

Issue of when building was deemed "clean" and what about new deposits of dust.

Visible inspection of building is not sufficient to insure buildings exteriors, including windows, are free of asbestos.

What about other pollutants in dust and air - mercury, lead and dioxin where mentioned.

What is the process going to be to insure buildings are clean and have not been recontaminated.

Some of the questions overlap with the indoor program, therefore, a suggestion was made that all parties involved in any aspect of the air quality issues and clean up issues attend a meeting to discuss all related issues. Subcommittee does not feel that this single issue approach is all that helpful.

For meeting of this other subcommittee on Monday, is it possible to get a clear understanding of what they expect from DEP who may be expected to be representing City or DEP or interagency group position. - Thanks.

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From: Mears.Mary@epamail.epa.gov
Sent: Friday, June 28, 2002 10:49 AM
To: avaltronir@dep.nyc.gov; michaelgi@dep.nyc.gov; Callahan.Kathy@epamail.epa.gov
Cc: LaPosta.Dore@epamail.epa.gov; Basso.Ray@epamail.epa.gov; Barry.Benjamin@epamail.epa.gov
Subject: List of people that we sent the Scopes of Work to.

Importance: High

Hi Bob and Mike:

We sent the Scopes of Work to 9/11 Environmental Action and to The Ground Zero Elected Officials Task Force. We also sent to a handful of scientists that we knew would be interested. Below is the specific list:

9/11 Environmental Action members:

Pat Dillon
 Kathryn Freed
 Marjorie Clarke
 Sudhir Jain
 Dave Newman
 Paul Bartlett
 Uday Singh
 Stan Mark
 Ussari YuJenna Orkin
 Mae Lee
 Maureen Silverman
 Kimberly Flynn
 Ellie Silk
 Mie Gross
 Marilena Christodoulou
 Barbara Einzig
 Amie Gross
 Diane Lapson
 Tammy Meltzer
 Craig Hall
 Joel Kupferman

Others Scientists

George Thurston
 Pat Kinney
 Paul Lioy
 Bruce Lanphear
 Cate Jenkins

Elected Official's Ground Zero Task Force

Congressman Jerry Nadler
 Congresswoman Nita Velasquez
 State Assemblyman Sheldon Silver
 State Senator Connor
 State Senator Duane
 Councilmember Glick
 Councilmember Lopez
 Councilmember Quinn
 Councilmember Gerson
 Borough President Fields

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From: Callahan.Kathy@epamail.epa.gov
Sent: Friday, June 28, 2002 1:23 PM
To: avaltronir@dep.nyc.gov
Subject: ground zero elected...

officials list.

Jerry Nadler
Virginia Fields
Sheldon Silver
Martin Conor
Tom Duane
Deborah Glick
Kathryn Free
Margarita Lopez
Alan Gerson
Madelyn Wils

this was as of last october. there have been some changes in electoral status, as i recall. so the exact list is in nadler's hands.

as i assume you know, i spoke to chris. i am sorry that you felt the draft should have been run by you before going out. thought we were in close enough coordination. obviously that was not a good assumption. won't happen again. so let's talk about what is in there of concern, beyond what you've raised on the risk based, 30 yr. #.

i am following up with some folks on their interpretations and will give chris/you feedback.

epa did not send it to cate jenkins. folks on the 9/11 envir. action group may have or jerry's staff. that is what happened the first time we sent a draft. call if you want to talk. i am sorry chris is so distressed, but i believe we can still stay very much on track.

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From: Callahan.Kathy@epamail.epa.gov
Sent: Friday, June 28, 2002 1:27 PM
To: avaltronir@dep.nyc.gov
Subject: ground zero elected... p.s.

clarification—we sent it to cate jenkins after she had it from another source and had sent an accompanying note that implied epa did not want to reveal this draft to others. george thurston raised the fact that he had seen it from jenkins, so we said we will send it to you and other scientists so it is clear we aren't keeping secrets.

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From: Sumowicz, Alessandra [asumowicz@cityhall.nyc.gov]
Sent: Monday, July 01, 2002 10:05 AM
To: 'Christopher Ward'
Cc: 'avaltronir@dep.nyc.gov'
Subject: FW: Lower Manhattan A/M

As you will see from the e-mail below, Kelly McKinney from DOH would like EPA to continue its air monitoring program in Lower Manhattan. Did this subject matter come up in your negotiations with EPA? How does DEP feel about this?

—Original Message—

From: Kelly McKinney [mailto:kmckinne@health.nyc.gov]
Sent: Monday, July 01, 2002 8:34 AM
To: asumowicz@cityhall.nyc.gov; Jessica Leighton; SBenson@OEM.NYC.GOV
Subject: Lower Manhattan A/M

As a response to the WTC disaster, EPA has conducted the following ambient air monitoring program in Lower Manhattan:

Asbestos in air: 19 sites sampled 2X per day, 10 sites sampled every day
 Dioxin, heavy metals, PCBs and silicates: 10 sites sampled 2X per week
 PM2.5: 11 sites, continuous monitoring
 PM10: 7 sites, continuous monitoring
 Dust/ particulate matter: Stuyvesant HS sampled daily
 Volatile organic compounds: Daily readings at 5 sites at Ground Zero
 Miscellaneous gases: 19 sites, daily field screening

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This is a mission task that continues to be funded by FEMA. We have requested in meetings with EPA and via email that this program continue until the involved agencies agree about what sampling can cease and what should continue. The discussion would also give the city time to retain consultant support to continue the program, if necessary. How do we compel EPA to get back to work?

Avaltroni, Robert

From: Kelpin, Gerry
Sent: Monday, July 01, 2002 12:17 PM
To: Avaltroni, Robert
Subject: FW: Imdc advisory meetings

-----Original Message-----

From: Avaltroni, Robert
Sent: Thursday, June 20, 2002 2:17 PM
To: 'Blatchford, Laurel'
Subject: RE: Imdc advisory meetings

Laurel,

I would like to send Gerry Kelpin, my Director of Air Policy, who you have met at prior meetings. Obviously, if you need my participation, I will make adjustments to my schedule.

Gerry is a well-respected and eminently qualified professional.

Regards,

Bob

P.S. - Hope you got a chance to see Mark Hoffer's draft which positions us to achieve another objective. We are making significant progress on all fronts.

-----Original Message-----

From: Blatchford, Laurel [mailto:LBlatchford@cityhall.nyc.gov]
Sent: Thursday, June 20, 2002 10:25 AM
To: 'avaltronir@dep.nyc.gov'
Cc: Greenberger, Sharon
Subject: FW: Imdc advisory meetings

Bob - Just called your office on this. At Jim Miller's suggestion (he is going to be on vacation), I wanted to see if you could come to either or both of these meetings to talk about DEP's air quality effort. Let me know!
 Thanks so much,

Laurel

> -----Original Message-----

> **From:** Greenberger, Sharon
 > **Sent:** Wednesday, June 19, 2002 4:29 PM
 > **To:** Blatchford, Laurel; Bahat, Roy
 > **Subject:** Imdc advisory meetings
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 > Hi folks:
 > Upcoming meetings include:
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 > Residents and Small Businesses (together) June 27 at 5:30
 >
 > Arts Education and Tourism Monday July 1 at 5:30
 >
 > Both at One Liberty Plaza, 20th floor
 >
 > either of you free and/or want to go?

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From: Callahan.Kathy@epamail.epa.gov
Sent: Monday, July 01, 2002 10:46 AM
To: avaltronir@dep.nyc.gov; michaelgi@dep.nyc.gov
Subject: the final version of matrix sent to fema

hi. hope you had a nice weekend.

still awaiting a copy of the fema matrix that was sent. will appreciated it, so we can put our final interagency agreement together consistent with it.

will get back to you later today to review the comments mike had sent friday night on the scopes of work many of these we have gone over before. but let's decide how to bring them to closure in a final form that we are all comfortable with and avoid any further confusion.

later, kc

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From: SBTOWERS1@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, July 02, 2002 5:19 PM
To: avaltronir@dep.nyc.gov
Subject: Southbridge Towers Building Cleaning

Dear Mr. Avaltroni,

Some time ago I sent you a letter regarding the cleaning of our 9 buildings. Knowing how busy you must be, I was wondering if you able to discuss the letter with anyone to see if there is a possibility we would be reconsidered to have all buildings cleaned as opposed to one commercial building. I assume the EPA's apartment cleaning program will soon begin and it would be helpful to know how we stand with the building cleaning.

I thank you in advance for your attention and consideration.

Toni D'Egidio
General Manager
Southbridge TOWers, Inc.

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From: Rosalie Sierra [rsierra1@health.nyc.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, July 03, 2002 12:46 PM
To: avaltronir@dep.nyc.gov
Subject: Fwd: Lower Manhattan A/M

Please call and let me know if this is the document you were looking for.

Kelly McKinney 07/03/02 12:34PM >>>

Kelly McKinney 07/01/02 08:33AM >>>

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From: Chacon, Emily [Emily.Chacon@fema.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, July 03, 2002 2:16 PM
To: 'jmillier@health.nyc.gov'
Cc: Lopez, Chris; Hagerty, Steve; 'arias-loram@omb.nyc.gov'
Subject: DoH's role in the EPA & NYC Indoor Air Program

Jim,

We received a matrix from the NYC Department of Environmental Protection that describes the activities of the different agencies involved in the EPA & NYC Indoor Air Program. This matrix shows that DoH will be responsible for communication of technical environmental issues "to provide health communication and technical assistance for lower Manhattan residents and workers related to post 9/11/01 events" for an estimated cost of \$400,000. Given that DEP has this role and cost included in their matrix, we assume that it is based on a detailed DoH proposal. We cannot proceed with the development of a project worksheet for this work until we receive the detailed scope of work and a breakdown that shows how the \$400,000 was estimated. If possible, please send this information to me by July 10, 2002.

If you have any questions, please give me a call.

Thank you,

Emily

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From: Gilsean, Michael (ex)
Sent: Monday, July 08, 2002 2:34 PM
To: Schiano, Frank
Cc: Avaltroni, Robert; Hoffer, Mark; Pecunies, Russ; Radhakrishnan, Krish
Subject: Unoccupied/uncleaned buildings

As part of the downtown clean-up effort, one of DEP's responsibilities is developing an asbestos scope of work, contracting it out and direct oversight of buildings that are still unoccupied and uncleaned. (EPA will comment on the asbestos scope of work and will develop a scope for other contaminants of concern for inclusion.) Bob Avaltroni has spoken to Brad Gair and FEMA will fund, however, FEMA needs one of the following two options to be undertaken by us to continue on the path to completion.

- Option 1. Declare that the building is a potential health risk requiring a clean-up under the program.
- Option 2. Obtain a right of entry agreement from the building owner and its occupants to clean.

Currently, there are three (3) buildings which fall into this category: 125 Cedar Street, 114 Liberty Street and 30 West Broadway. 125 Cedar Street and 114 Liberty Street are privately owned and have either a tenant/building owner or co-op/building owner relationship. Both owners and occupants are anxious to start the clean-up process. I'm sure you are familiar with the history of 125 Cedar Street. In the case of 30 West Broadway, the State Dormitory Authority owns the building and they too are anxious to get underway.

Our concern with Option 1 is the potential obstacles that the wording might pose thus taking much longer to get underway. Drafting a right of entry agreement seems the more timely option to take.

Please discuss with Mark and get back to us as soon as you can.

FYI: (1) EPA/DEP have regular meetings with the tenants and their local elected officials and (2) DEP will have a consultant walking through 125 Cedar Street this Thursday/Friday and 114 Liberty on Monday/Tuesday (next week) to develop asbestos and HVAC scopes of work.

Thanks,

Mike