

Avaltroni, Robert

From: Roberts, Rob [Rob.Roberts@fema.gov]
Sent: Monday, July 29, 2002 11:12 AM
To: 'avaltronir@dep.nyc.gov'
Subject: DEP Press Release...

Bob—

I wanted to check on your timetable for putting out the press release on the Lower Manhattan Building Cleanup.

I also wanted to see if you guys were interested in doing a joint media opportunity—maybe allowing a couple media organizations to tag along on a cleanup.

I know it's dependent on how EPA is doing with the interior work, but if you guys want to plan something in the near-term, let me know.

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Avaltroni, Robert

From: Roberts, Rob [Rob.Roberts@fema.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, July 30, 2002 10:04 AM
To: 'Avaltroni, Robert'
Subject: RE: Try again

Got it this time. Thanks.

I heard NY1 picked up the release last night.

Rob

—Original Message—

From: Avaltroni, Robert [mailto:avaltroni@dep.nyc.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, July 30, 2002 10:00
To: 'Rob.Roberts@fema.gov'
Cc: 'Brad.Gair@fema.gov'
Subject: FW: Try again

Sorry, didn't go through the first time.

—Original Message—

From: Avaltroni, Robert
Sent: Monday, July 29, 2002 2:53 PM
To: 'Rob.Roberts@fema.gov'
Cc: 'Brad.Gair@fema.gov'
Subject:

<<Exterior Bldg cleanup p.DOC>>

Rob,

Please find the above final draft FYI

Bob

Avaltroni, Robert

From: Avaltroni, Robert
Sent: Tuesday, July 30, 2002 12:04 PM
To: Ward, Chris
Cc: Grob, Shauna
Subject: EPA meeting

Chris,

As you requested at our staff meeting this morning, I am attempting to schedule a meeting ASAP with EPA so we can get the interior program on track.

Cynthia indicated to my secretary that you are book for the week and have a meeting scheduled with Jane Kenny this Thursday at 4:00 p.m. Do you want me to attempt to schedule a meeting sooner? Do you want me to attend the Thursday 4:00 p.m. meeting with you?

Please advise.

Thanks

Bob

Avaltroni, Robert

From: Hoffer, Mark
Sent: Wednesday, July 31, 2002 5:01 PM
To: Avaltroni, Robert
Cc: Schiano, Frank; Pecunles, Russ
Subject: WTC

Importance: High
Sensitivity: Confidential

1. Re SEMO indemnification - I have a call in to Larry Kahn. Will advise.
2. Re EPA "Fact Sheet" to go along with their access agreement - Frank talked to Beverly Kolenberg (EPA/Legal) within the last hour, who essentially said "it's almost done; it's almost done". (same thing we heard 3 weeks ago). Frank advises that Russ talked to Tom Lieber (EPA/Legal) who essentially said "Don't worry; it will all be wrapped up tomorrow" (whatever that means).
3. Per Frank, when Lieber was advised by Russ that we will not send a letter to EPA "blessing" their scope of work, Lieber essentially said: "Well, we'll tell the AG that DEP must be OK with it, because otherwise they wouldn't let a contract out with that scope."

Avaltroni, Robert

From: Hoffer, Mark
Sent: Friday, August 02, 2002 9:12 AM
To: Schiano, Frank; Pecunies, Russ; Avaltroni, Robert
Cc: Ward, Chris
Subject: FW: interior cleaning contracts

Law signed off on the indemnification. OMB (Larsen) had no independent concen; they just wanted to know that Law was OK.

Russ - please go ahead and prepare the form of letter. Bob - we are getting nowhere with the EPA lawyers on seeing their final access agreement and fact sheet. The fact sheet is "still being drafted" (about 6 weeks after we asked for it), and we were told the best we could expect was a "draft" "towards the end of next week". Can you lean on the business people? This is silly. Russ, Frank or I could draft this fact sheet in one afternoon.

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

From: Kahn, Lawrence [mailto:lkahn@law.nyc.gov]
Sent: Thursday, August 01, 2002 9:02 PM
To: 'markh@dep.nyc.gov'
Subject: FW: interior cleaning contracts

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

From: Kahn, Lawrence
Sent: Thursday, August 01, 2002 8:33 PM
To: 'markh@dep.nyc.gov'
Cc: Rubin, Gail; Muller, Daniel; Cushman, Steven
Subject: interior cleaning contracts

We have no objection to execution of an indemnification letter to the State that tracks the approach taken as to the exterior cleaning contracts.

Avaltroni, Robert

From: Hoffer, Mark
Sent: Friday, August 02, 2002 2:10 PM
To: Avaltroni, Robert
Cc: Ward, Chris; Grob, Shauna
Subject: RE: EPA letters

Aw shucks! (I won't get excited until this is all brought home, but I thank you for your kind words. A great deal of credit goes to my capable colleagues Frank and Russ - kudos to them both).

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

From: Avaltroni, Robert
Sent: Friday, August 02, 2002 12:10 PM
To: Hoffer, Mark
Cc: Ward, Chris; Grob, Shauna
Subject: EPA letters

Mark,

Great job in securing the indemnification letter. As you know, we committed to a minor asbestos project letter that Russ has been speaking with EPA about. I told Chris we would have it for his review today. In fact, I just spoke with Russ and told him we will need two letters. One addressing the concerns EPA had with the AG concerning the definition of the scope of work and secondly, a letter supporting the initiative. If you guys feel one letter will suffice, I acquiesce to your judgment. Russ indicated he would have the letter for the Commissioner this afternoon.

I have pushed the folks at EPA (again this AM) to get us the fact sheet and right of entry agreement by Monday, 8/5. (I need to close this out with FEMA.) With respect to your comments comparing how you would handle the draft fact sheet compared to the way they have handled things - they are not in your league. Mark, we both know how difficult this process has been and you and your staff have been sensational. It's a privilege to work with you.

. Bob

Avaltroni, Robert

From: Hoffer, Mark
Sent: Friday, August 02, 2002 4:36 PM
To: Avaltroni, Robert; Ward, Chris
Cc: Grob, Shauna
Subject: RE: EPA/FEMA

There's no controversy on content of the indemnification letter - Law dept has signed off. Russ will draft it in the same style as the one used on the facade program. The issue is still EPA's access agreement, which (last time around) SEMO insisted be attached to the indemnification letter. We still don't have the final form from EPA (which in turn references a mystical "fact sheet" we have never seen).

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

From: Avaltroni, Robert
Sent: Friday, August 02, 2002 3:55 PM
To: Ward, Chris
Cc: Grob, Shauna; Hoffer, Mark
Subject: EPA/FEMA

Chris,

I received a call from Kathy Callahan asking me to release the FEMA funds related to Interagency Agreements. As per my conversation with Brad Gair Wednesday evening, funds would be withheld until we had an acceptable agreement.

I just spoke to Brad who will now release the funds so EPA may proceed. He again reinforced FEMA's position that no funds would be released without my approval.

We had a brief discussion about DOH's submittal, which has been on hold. Based on my description of the program and its necessity from the City's perspective, he guaranteed that the \$400,000 would be approved.

We agreed to continue to work in partnership.

P.S. - Mark,

Brad asked if we had the indemnification letter issue resolved. I told him we had and he would be receiving it early next week. Please get it to Chris or myself so we may satisfy that aspect. Point of entry resolution to follow. We are getting there.

Avaltroni, Robert

From: Smyth, Virginia
Sent: Friday, August 02, 2002 4:55 PM
To: Avaltroni, Robert
Subject: Timeline



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