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Subject: FW: wtc phone call -8/12

One of the multi-agency groups that continues to meet monthly by conference call is the EPA/DHHS/DOL Environmental Assessment Work Group. One of the groups we used to participate in got folded into this one. The monthly call was today. I'm sending you Harold's notes to see if you agree with what he understood. (I was on the other call dealing with the Queens school.) I assume you all are aware of these activities.

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

From: Nudelman, Harold
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HIGHLIGHTS

1) EPA MONITORING

- a) CLEANING EFFECTIVENESS STUDY- Pilot program going on OK. Heavily contaminated apartments used. Some preliminary results show cleaning effective
- b) Background Study- Difficut getting people to sign up . They wanted 14 buildings -not yet -only a few . These would be above 79th Street. This is considered more research and NYCDOH's IRB needs to approve.

Interior program- Scopes of work going out any day ~3500 apartments. Cleaning and sampling requested by 75% and about 25% requesting sampling only Next week they intend to start samplin ~100 apartments.

The list of contaminants of concern include more than asbestos-
 fiberglass
 lead
 PAH
 dioxin

this list will go out for peer review soon.

Lead is a concern because the default used for air may be low (0.1ug/m3). They are having difficulty getting below this.

Mercury vapor not a concern

DATA MANAGEMENT

The final update was mid-July when polycyclic aromatics were added.
 DEP's asbestos sites are now on their web page.

They will only update postings if they get new or cleaned up data.

****A cd-rom is going to be put togrther with all government ambient data. They will be calling all agencies to very correctness before using data. You and Barbara are the DEP contacts.**

The web sites list the requests for assistance now. They have ~3773 requests for service.

Residential Sampling Report

It is in final stages of review by top level management. They are hoping for an end of month or early September release. Agencies may get a copy by tomorrow for a quick review for major problems.

OTHER ISSUES

A health panel to review the potential problems associated with fibers less than 0.5u will be attempted by the end of October. The expert panel will discuss fiber length and health because of concerns raised by the report that 95% of fibers were less than 0.5u.

ORD was putting together a risk assessment . This will be reviewed by Region II, and others(paul lioy, george thurston) before a public draft is made available. DEC asked to see the document before the public draft.