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Sent: Wednesday, October 02, 2002 2:53 PM
To: avaltronir@dep.nyc.gov; gair.brad@fema.gov; charless@dep.nyc.gov
Subject: final draft of press note announcing deadline extension.

Can't get much more low key than this!

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October 2, 2002 (2:51pm)

EPA EXTENDS DEADLINE TO REGISTER FOR DOWNTOWN CLEANUP AND TESTING PROGRAM

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Subject: Slight change

Chris,

Bob is enroute and asked me to fax the following to you. He concurs with the release.

Jane

We gave FEMA and the city some credit for the extension in this version.....

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Subject: Extension of deadline for registering for cleanup/testing

Good News!

EPA, FEMA AND CITY EXTEND DEADLINE TO REGISTER FOR DOWNTOWN CLEANUP AND TESTING PROGRAM

FOR RELEASE: Tuesday, October 2, 2002

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What about Brooklyn? Remember us? The place the plume headed straight for as the Nasa camera could tell from 250 miles away? When you all first opened your hotline, I went on your website which shut the door in my face, so to speak. Then I called, was put through to the answering machine of Dennis Santella and the rest is history which is to say, that was the end of that. Today I called again and was put on hold for fifteen minutes. Should I take this as a sign of progress?

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Avaltroni, Robert

From: Hotz, Jonathan [Jonathan.Hotz@edelman.com]
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Subject: Quick Question

Bob,

Thanks for all your help on the DEP exterior cleanup wrap-up story. Liz Berger was glowing in her praise of the DEP and the work you've done cleaning the area and restoring peace of mind. I have some great information and quotes and will put pen to paper soon. Reporter is just one of the many hats I wear, but rest assured it is on my list. Once I have written the article I will forward it to you and your team for review. Also some of the statistics likely will need to be brought up to date at that time.

As you know, we also have been working to communicate about the EPA's efforts by publicizing the interior cleaning program and deadline extensions. We certainly appreciate your continued help in this regard.

We would like to take this outreach a step further by writing about the process itself. Ideally, one of our writers could tag along on an interior residential cleaning and interview both EPA workers and the resident whose home is being cleaned. If this isn't possible, we could interview workers and residents after the fact. We think this could help the EPA send a positive message about the program and encourage people to take advantage of it.

My question is: Who at the EPA would you suggest we contact about this story? As always, any assistance you could provide would be enormously appreciated.

Thanks.

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