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From: Gair, Brad [Brad.Gair@fema.gov]
Sent: Friday, November 22, 2002 10:07 PM
To: Kathy Callahan (E-mail)
Cc: Robert Avaltroni (E-mail); Sharon Greenberger (E-mail); Melnick, Walter; Brian Sanvidge (E-mail); Picciano, Joe
Subject: FW: NYC DoH and EPA
Importance: High

Kathy,

As you can see from the email below, it has come to my attention that EPA staff under your direction have attempted to solicit a letter from the NYC Department of Health pressing FEMA to extend the registration deadline for the Individual and Family Grant program through September 2004. Let me be very clear - EPA's decision to interfere in this FEMA program without consulting us is unacceptable. I strongly caution you to abandon this course of action immediately.

Despite considerable funding for various studies, so far the EPA has been unable to produce any conclusive scientific evidence of an indoor air quality problem in Lower Manhattan. Until such time as you are able to do so, you only further jeopardize your agency's reputation by attempting to implement, expand or extend programs that you cannot justify. If in the future you are able to identify a significant threat to the public health, I recommend that you pursue funding for any such initiatives through your own statutory authorities.

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

From: Melnick, Walter
Sent: Friday, November 22, 2002 4:18 PM
To: Gair, Brad
Cc: Chacon, Emily
Subject: RE: DoH meeting - FYI

Brad - FYI. Do you want us to set up the meeting? I have spoken to Emily & she will speak to Kelly about the extension issue. Walter

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From: Chacon, Emily
Sent: Friday, November 22, 2002 3:17 PM
To: Melnick, Walter
Subject: DoH meeting - FYI

Hi Walter,

Kelly McKinney from DoH called me this afternoon, he wanted us to know that EPA has asked him to prepare a letter from the DoH that says that it is necessary to extend the FEMA/State HEPA Vacuum program until the Indoor Cleaning Program is completed in Sept. 2004. I think he is willing to hold off on that letter until he hears from us.

Thanks,

Emily

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