

Gilsenan, Michael

From: Smyth, Virginia [DEPNET1/DEPGPO2/VirginiaS]
Sent: Wednesday, November 28, 2001 2:18 PM
To: Terracciano, Joe
Cc: Gilsenan, Michael; Fawzy, Moustafa; Radhakrishnan, Krish
Subject: FW: FEMA

Attached is the description of activities from both Asbestos Control and Air/Noise Policy & Enforcement. We will forward the description of HazMat activities as soon as possible.



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From: Kelpin, Gerry
Sent: Wednesday, November 14, 2001 5:39 PM
To: Gilsenan, Michael; Smyth, Virginia
Subject: RE: FEMA

Harold and I have been involved from day 2 or 3 with the monitoring data review group that was established. In addition to reporting on the air monitoring results that DEP has been doing, we have been involved in the selection of additional air monitoring sites that EPA and DEC are running. We have also been involved in reporting on the development of an indoor sampling plan, in participating in meetings and briefing sessions that concern monitoring at and around the WTC site.

Harry Mayer and his two assistants were helping out with supporting some of the monitoring efforts for awhile. That effort was then transferred to a consultant.

Enforcement has been responding to complaints about dust emissions and idling vehicles around the site. They have been informing various entities about proper containment related to cleaning the outside of the buildings, about limiting vehicle idling and they have been observing compliance with the dust suppression procedures that have been developed. Information is being funneled to OEM and now DCAS via our DEP liasons. DEC is taking the lead on enforcement of these provisions at this time.

Engineering assisted in the permitting of the emergency generators that were used at the site.

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From: Gilsenan, Michael
Sent: Wednesday, November 14, 2001 3:40 PM
To: Fawzy, Moustafa; Kelpin, Gerry; Radhakrishnan, Krish; Raffo, Barbara
Subject: FW: FEMA

pls. provide V.S. with a explanation of your Div. work. Thanks

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From: Smyth, Virginia
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To: Gilsenan, Michael
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From: Smyth, Virginia
Sent: Wednesday, November 14, 2001 3:31 PM
To: gilsennan, michael (ex)
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From: Terracciano, Joe

Sent: Tuesday, November 13, 2001 12:03 PM
To: Medina, Oscar; Schneider, Michael; Smyth, Virginia; McCarthy, Anne (ex); Kyriakides, Stella; Dunne, John
Cc: Tazzi, Louis (ex); Singleton, Joseph (ex); Schneider, Susan (ex)
Subject: FEMA

This is a follow up to my e-mail of November 5, 2001. Please submit a detailed explanation of your bureau's work performed during the World Trade Center crises. FEMA is expecting it by November 16, 2001

Asbestos Control Program Activities

1. Staff was available from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. to respond to inquiries from building owners and the public. Numerous calls were received from throughout the city. A large number of calls were requesting information on air quality and asbestos levels. The posting of the data by DEP and EPA on the web sites decreased the number of calls and staffing was decreased.
2. ALCP prepared advisory documents for asbestos testing methods, assessing the condition of buildings, clean-up activities, and air sampling. ALCP's guidance for building owners with asbestos concerns was faxed to individuals who requested the information.
3. Emergency project notifications were processed for buildings in the vicinity of ground zero. Inspections based on the notifications were scheduled and performed.
4. ALCP provided on-site assistance and guidance to building owners upon request. Response to the sites was within hours or at owner designated times. ALCP continues to assist building owners and occupants. On-site inspections continue to be scheduled.
5. Asbestos air sampling activities at five remote roof top locations(Public Schools) was performed. The locations were sites within the five boroughs and were located at 330 59th Street in Brooklyn, Jackson Avenue and E 148 Street in the Bronx, 600 East 6th Street in Manhattan, 30-20 48th Street, Queens, and 1200 Manor Road in Staten Island. The table of analytical results was updated dated and forwarded to DEP, DEC and DOH staff. This sampling continued daily and consistently disclosed levels below the re-occupancy level. As a result, this sampling was discontinued after approximately one month.
6. Daily asbestos sampling at four locations(near Public Schools) at the perimeter of ground zero continues to this date. These locations are 100 Trinity Place, 201 Warren Street, 292 Greenwich Street, and 345 Chambers Street.
7. Numerous written and telephone requests were received for emergency asbestos handler certification. Procedures were developed to provide daily examinations. These daily examinations continued for a three-week period. As the number of applicants for certification decreased the ALCP cut back on the number of examinations. The ALCP continues to expedite requests with proof of work at a clean-up site, however, applicants are incorporated into the normal testing mechanism.