

Gilsenan, Michael

From: Avaltroni, Robert
Sent: Friday, September 13, 2002 11:54 AM
To: Gilsenan, Michael
Subject: FW: Press Release

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From: Sturcken, Charles
Sent: Friday, September 13, 2002 11:27 AM
To: Avaltroni, Robert
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Charle asked me to forward Mary Mears revision to you. Natalie -----Original Message-----

From: Mears.Mary@epamail.epa.gov [<mailto:Mears.Mary@epamail.epa.gov>] <<mailto:Mears.Mary@epamail.epa.gov>>
Sent: Friday, September 13, 2002 10:28 AM
To: Sturcken, Charles
Subject: RE: Press Release

We want to be careful to accurately portray that these are you contracts, but EPA is managing the program. Here is the nearly final version (we are waiting for a final O.K. from Jane). I think you will find it more acceptable than the last version.
(See attached file: contractorspress-web.wpd)

"Sturcken,

Charles" To: Mary Mears/R2/USEPA/US@EPA
<charless@dep.ny cc:
c.gov> Subject: RE: Press Release

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We think it should read:

"Contracts Awarded for EPA's Downtown Residential Dust Cleanup Program"

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New York, N.Y. - The Environmental Protection Agency, in conjunction with the New York City Department of

Environmental Protection, announced today that 8 contracts have been awarded for the downtown WTC indoor cleanup program. The NYCDEP has awarded these contracts through the City contracting process and EPA will provide the oversight for their management.

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the last paragraph needs some editions.

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From: Mears.Mary@epamail.epa.gov [<mailto:Mears.Mary@epamail.epa.gov>] <<mailto:Mears.Mary@epamail.epa.gov>>

Sent: Thursday, September 12, 2002 1:47 PM

To: charless@dep.nyc.gov

Subject: Press Release

This release announcing the contractors will likely go out tomorrow morning. Let me know if you have comments.

(See attached file: contractorspress-web.wpd)

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www.epa.gov/region2**Contact: Mary Mears 212-637-3669****Contracts for EPA's Downtown Residential Dust Cleanup Program Are Awarded****FOR RELEASE: Thursday, September 12, 2002**

(#02XXX) New York, N.Y. – The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) today announced that eight contracts have been awarded for the downtown World Trade Center residential dust cleanup program by the New York City Department of Environmental Protection (NYCDEP). The cleanup program will be managed by EPA. The contractors, one project monitoring contractor and one cleanup contractor, will work in each of four quadrants of the eligible cleanup area – south of Canal, Pike and Allen Streets, river to river. These quadrants were drawn to allow each contractor to handle an equivalent number of requests (see attached map of quadrants or visit EPA's Web site at www.epa.gov/wtc). The monitoring contractors will schedule cleanups and testing, do a pre-cleanup walk-through to gather information and answer questions, monitor the work of the cleanup contractor and conduct all sampling. This sampling includes post-cleanup air sampling, air sampling in homes at which only testing was requested and wipe samples taken in a subset of homes.

As of September 10, 2002, more than 4,000 residents of lower Manhattan have signed up to have their homes tested, or cleaned and tested, under EPA's Residential Dust Cleanup Assistance Program. In May, EPA and its federal, state and city partners announced a comprehensive plan to ensure that apartments impacted by the collapse of the World Trade Center have been properly cleaned. The plan was developed in consultation with the multi-agency Task Force on Indoor Air in Lower Manhattan created by EPA Administrator Christie Whitman. A hotline to register residents in the cleanup program was launched in June. EPA has already begun testing homes for asbestos in air, and cleanups are beginning this week.

The 8 contractors and contact information, listed by quadrant, are as follows:

Quadrant A

Monitoring - ATC Associates

Cleanup - Trio Asbestos

Quadrant C

Monitoring - Warren & Panzer

Cleanup - Kiss Construction, Inc.

Quadrant B

Monitoring - Cole Consulting

Cleanup - JBH Environmental

Quadrant D

Monitoring - Athenica Environmental Services

Cleanup - Terrmon Construction, Inc.

Contractors will have identification and will give the resident the confirmation number that was provided during sign-up. If residents suspect that a company may be fraudulently posing as a contractor for the cleanup program, they should contact EPA's Office of the Inspector General at 212-637-3036. For more information about the cleanup program, visit EPA's WTC Web site (www.epa.gov/wtc) or call EPA's WTC Hotline at 1-877-796-5471 or, for the deaf and hard of hearing, TTY 1-800-396-1018.