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WTC vehicles**Gilsenan, Michael**

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Subject: WTC vehicles

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Mike,

At your request, the following is a brief description of the subject issue:

In the weeks following September 11th, 2001, as many as twelve hundred vehicles were removed from the vicinity of the World Trade Center and transported to the Department of Sanitation landfill in Staten Island. At the landfill, the vehicles were searched for evidence and human remains and their ownership status determined. Most of the vehicles were damaged beyond repair, but up to two hundred vehicles were considered "potentially operable" with many owners requesting their return. Many city agencies, including DOS, DOH, NYPD, FDNY, COSH and the Law Department (I believe DEP was invited) met at OEM over the course of several weeks. The issue of liability was discussed. Although data indicated only minimal potential for exposure to hazardous materials, if an owner got sick he or she might sue the city for personal injury damages. Legal counsel indicated the need to provide to the owner sufficient notice of potential health impacts as well as cleaning guidance. After discussing the issue at length in this series of meetings, we reached the following consensus approach: In the absence of an environmental hazard sufficient to condemn the cars for health reasons, WTC vehicle owners have the right to their property, assuming sufficient notice is given. I believe the Law Department discussed the approach with DEP General Counsel's office and Commissioner Miele was advised but I don't have details.

DOH, Law Department and DOS developed notice letters to vehicle owners alerting them that the city had possession and giving them 15 days to claim them. At DEP's request, owners were required to bring flatbed trucks to the landfill. The vehicle exterior was to be power washed by EPA at the site boundary and the vehicle tarped prior to removal by the owner. On March 18th, the first of 68 vehicles (the "WTC vehicles") were scheduled for release. On March 14th, Congressman Jerrold Nadler sent to EPA a letter that claimed "dangerous levels of asbestos" and said (among other things) "I respectfully request that you exercise your authority to file an emergency injunction...to stop return of these vehicles..." and "...direct EPA On-Scene Coordinators to remediate the cars for hazardous waste contamination before returning them to their owners."

EPA contacted MOEC, OEM, and the Law Department urgently requesting delay of the return of the WTC vehicles, to which the city agreed. We met with EPA (Bruce Sprague, Branch Chief of Hazardous Waste and Emergency Response and William Sawyer of EPA Region II legal) at 290 Broadway the following week. The meeting ended with a request from EPA for WTC vehicle data, which DOH provided that afternoon.

WTC vehicle data is attached. It is primarily air monitoring data collected from the vehicles most severely impacted by WTC dust and debris: New York city fire trucks and police emergency service vehicles that responded on September 11th. These vehicles were on the street in

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Cc: Mary Rose Gasner; Ronald J. Dillon
Subject: Re: Buildings-Parks-Data Group meeting; Jim's outline of overall scope

Greetings:

Please find attached an updated version of the WTC research inventory (no. 2) This version is word-wrapped and can be sorted although more standardization of the content will make this function easier in future drafts. (Special thanks to DOH/MIS specialist Ron Dillon!!)

New entries: G-1A, G-38, 39, 40

Revised entries: G0004-6, 36

Update: S. Galea at NYAM published results last week on PTSD prevalence post-9/11 in The New England Journal of Medicine.

Please note there are still many incomplete entries and more information on new studies is pending from NIMH and various investigators.

Best regards,
 Kathy Tannert Niang, MPH
 NYCDOH/OPPI



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From: Bennett, Paul
Sent: Friday, April 05, 2002 10:59 AM
To: Chapin, Diana; Avaltroni, Robert; Collins, Betsy
Cc: Gilsenan, Michael
Subject: addition to FEMA assistance request -Building cleaning

Following yesterday's Drought Meeting at OEM, FEMA approached me and said that DEP is in the process of submitting a request for assistance to clean buildings of debris related to the WTC Disaster in lower Manhattan and that we may want to consider, in response to the current Drought Emergency, adding a request to obtain the necessary equipment to filter / desalinate Hudson River water to use in the building cleaning efforts to this request. The request could include enough capacity to meet the other non-potable needs in the WTC area (ca. 120,000 gal/day = dust suppression activities by DOS and Contractors). FEMA said we should act quickly on this.

Please let me know what you think.

3/7/2003

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From: WTC Hotline [WTCHotline@otbnyc.com]
Sent: Friday, April 05, 2002 12:43 PM
To: Andrew Tucker (E-mail); Anita Sher (E-mail); Caroline Bragdon (E-mail); Chris D'Andrea (E-mail); Eddie Gabriel (E-mail); Greg Butler (E-mail); Jessica Leighton (E-mail); Jim Miller (E-mail); Kara Cadag (E-mail); Laurel Blatchford (E-mail); Lee Ilan (E-mail); Liza Henry (E-mail); Louise Cohen (E-mail); Mike Gilsenan (E-mail); Nancy Jeffery (E-mail); Reena Mahajan (E-mail); Roger Hayes (E-mail); Rose Marabetti (E-mail); Sam Benson (E-mail); Sandy Mullin (E-mail); Tom Frieden (E-mail); Vince Coluccio (E-mail)
Cc: David Longshore (E-mail); Kelly McKinney (E-mail)
Subject: Summary of calls received at the hotline on 4/4/02

Good morning everyone,

Below is a summary of the calls that were received by hotline operators Thursday, April 4:

We received a total of 22 calls during operating hours:

- 3 were about cleaning
- 4 were about the environmental conditions in lower Manhattan
- 1 was a health related or DOH referral
- 11 were for the old WTC hotline
- 2 were "other" questions
- 1 was a question about specific contaminants

We received 1 voicemail which was a question requiring DEP follow-up.

-Liza

As of 12:40 am today (Fri, April 5) we have received 8 calls.

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To reach Hotline Operators please call: 212-704-5115
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From: WTC Hotline [WTCHotline@otbnyc.com]
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Cc: David Longshore (E-mail); Kelly McKinney (E-mail)
Subject: Summary of calls received at the hotline on 4/4/02

Hello everyone,

Below is a summary of the calls that were received by hotline operators Friday, April 5:

We received a total of **24** calls during operating hours:

5 were about cleaning

6 were about the environmental conditions in lower Manhattan

10 were for the old WTC hotline

3 were "other" questions

We received 5 voicemails over the weekend, all which were hang-ups.

-Kara

As of 1:00 pm today (Mon, April 8) we have received 11 calls.

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