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Subject: Re: Fwd: Residential Asbestos Sampling Results; 04/03/02 DRAFT: Notfor Public Release

Building 11 is the only interior test of bulk test with a result greater than 1% inside an apartment. Releasing a document in which we can not affirm that the matter has been resolved leaves the City open to criticism that we were aware of a potentially hazardous situation but did not resolve it. I say potentially hazardous because the amount of asbestos inside this apartment may be very small (we know only the concentration and do not have information regarding the load) and/or because it may already have been cleaned up (per the landlord).

Wilfredo, Lai-Sun--Knowing that DEP may be again denied access, could you review options for resolving this matter?

>>> Vincent Coluccio 04/10/02 08:03AM >>>

DEP made several good faith attempts to access the apartment and were rebuffed. This is not a situation with post abatement clearance requirements and DEP doesn't have a mandate to inspect. Since they may never get access I suggest we modify the note on the chart (change in bold):

Building 11 Notes: Residence 2 was unoccupied when tested and was referred to DEP for reinspection. DEP was denied access to reinspect and will further attempt to reinspect this apartment. According to the landlord the apartment was cleaned prior to reoccupancy.

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>>> Jim Miller 04/09/02 08:08PM >>>

At a minimum, won't we want to wait until DEP re-attempts to visit the building to which access has been denied?

>>> Nancy Jeffery 04/09/02 05:07PM >>>

Hi Mary,

I wanted to let you know that the sampling plan is already a public document and is available on the NYC DOH website.

With regards to the Asbestos Summary Table, the results actually reflect low levels of asbestos when detected, and the follow-up actions taken are reflected in the notes for specific buildings.

Also, I think it's important to understand, that individual letters with the asbestos results have already been provided to each building owner/manager and occupants of the residences tested. This would not be the first time individuals are seeing their results.

I hope this clarifies the issue. We would like to get this out for the public soon, so please let us know if you have additional concerns...thanks.

>>> Vincent Coluccio 04/09/02 03:03PM >>>

Mary

Thank you for your email. I will discuss this matter with Dr. Miller.

Vin Coluccio

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>>> <Mears.Mary@epamail.epa.gov> 04/09/02 01:01PM >>>

Hello Vincent:

Thanks so much for giving us an opportunity to see this information. Kathy Callahan will be calling Jim Miller to talk to him about this information. We have concerns about releasing this information - which has not been released before and because it begs many questions about what we are doing to follow the study up. Because the study is not final and hasn't been shared with EPA, we don't feel that we are ready to say what we will do to follow up. Kathy would like to talk this out with Jim.

Vincent Coluccio

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-Please note - We would like to get all comments no later than 3 PM today.
 Thank you

Hello
 Per Jim Miller's request I am forwarding my email and attachments of last week regarding the draft residential testing data tables. Please note we have requested comments by end of today.

Please call me with any questions or comments at 914 671 4072

Thank you
 Vincent Coluccio, DrPH
 NYCDOH

>>> Vincent Coluccio 04/03/02 06:43PM >>>

Attached is a revised draft spreadsheet of NYCDOH/ATSDR residential sampling results, for asbestos samples obtained November 4 through December 11, 2001.

For your information I have also attached a copy of the Sampling Plan

for this study.

Please review this document and provide me with any comments by Monday, April 8. Our plan is to finalize this document for public release next week.

Feel free to contact me with any questions or comments.

Thank You

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(See attached file: Asbestos_FG_public version 4-3.xls) (See attached file: NYC ATSDR Sampling Plan.pdf)