

Gilsenan, Michael

From: Grob, Shauna
Sent: Thursday, July 18, 2002 9:42 AM
To: Gilsenan, Michael (ex)
Subject: RE: Press Release

Mike -- I made some minor edits. I used the track changes mode, so you can accept or reject as you see fit. Send on over to Geoff and Charlie once you have whatever FEMA is providing.



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Chris is leaving town this afternoon, so I would like to be able to fax to him at the Municipal building if we can get it done early enough. I'm not sure exactly when he's going though, and I will let him know FEMA is filling in more info and then we'll see what he'd like for us to do. I don't know now whether he thinks it can wait for his return on Monday or not. But I'll ask and let you know.

Shauna

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From: Gilsenan, Michael (ex)
Sent: Wednesday, July 17, 2002 5:15 PM
To: Grob, Shauna
Cc: Avaltroni, Robert; Radhakrishnan, Krish
Subject: Press Release

Shauna,

Please find attached the first crack at a possible press release as discussed yesterday. I have tried to stay clear of using total numbers as they are not easily explainable in this type of document. Please make any changes, additions, deletions that you feel necessary. Also would you like me to share this with Charlie/Geoff for their input.

FYI

315 Total dirty buildings
60 cleaned by owners verified by DEP

255 Possible cleaning candidates
 - 71 cleaned by DEP contractors
 184 total

56 to be cleaned by DEP contractor

129 possible cleaning candidates (is number that is hard to explain in press release)

These 129 buildings need to be re-inspected to ascertain if they were cleaned and owner did not notify us. If they were cleaned, then we can reduce the number by that amount. We then need to contact the owners of those buildings still identified as dirty to see if we can get them to sign license agreements. License agreements keep coming everyday and the 129 number will continue to change (today I signed 3). At the end of the process we will have some number that will need to be addressed outside this process.

I hope I haven't confused you too much. If you need anything else let me know.

<< File: press release.doc >>

The New York City Department of Environmental Protection's Commissioner, Christopher O. Ward, today announced that the Exterior Building Cleanup Program (a component of the federal, state and city's comprehensive Indoor Air Quality Program) has completed cleaning the roof and exteriors of 71 buildings in the downtown area.

The exterior cleanup program is one part of the federal, state and local government's overall comprehensive program to reassure the public that air quality in lower Manhattan is, and will continue to be, safe for residents, workers and visitors. Continuing to gain the public's confidence in air quality in and around the World Trade Center site is important to the ongoing renewal and future development of ~~the downtown area~~. Lower Manhattan.

The exterior building cleanup is entirely funded by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, whose support has been unwavering. Under the program, building owners whose property has been identified by inspectors as having World Trade Center debris are eligible to have the debris removed from their buildings at no cost. To date, over 1,000 buildings in the downtown area have been visually inspected ~~in the downtown area~~ for possible WTC debris. In addition to the 71 buildings already cleaned, 56 buildings are scheduled for cleaning. ~~Some of which these~~ are already underway.

An additional 60 buildings have been cleaned by building owners privately, outside of ~~the DEP and FEMA's~~ cleanup program. All these buildings have had their cleanup verified by a DEP inspector to ensure that all debris was removed.

The work is being conducted by licensed **asbestos** contractors, supervised by DEP personnel. Asbestos contractors are being used to ensure that debris removal is done in the most protective manner possible to the public and workers. DEP personnel and their contractors have been working since June 7 to complete the 71 buildings.

The work is being conducted at times which are most convenient for the businesses and residents in the area, and includes weekends and nights.