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Subject: Re: EPA OMBUDSMAN

Hi all:

Just ot update you.....EPA did not put together a formal statement on the Ombudsman, but we did talk to NPR radio and the Daily News emphasizing the good work that we, the city and state have done and talking about the actions we are now taking. I did not respond to the specific recommendations, because we just got the report and are looking at them. It is likely that we will respond to the Ombudsman in some way, but we are discussing what our response will be, and we need to talk with Jane, who is away until Tuesday.

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From: Sturcken, Charles [NYCDEP/QUEENS/CHARLESS]
Sent: Friday, March 29, 2002 1:20 PM
To: Gilsenan, Michael
Subject: RE: Facade Cleanup

Only the area, say in your map and survey, will be exempt from the water use restrictions.

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From: Gilsenan, Michael
Sent: Friday, March 29, 2002 1:11 PM
To: Chapin, Diana 001
Cc: Avaltroni, Robert; Sturcken, Charles 001; Radhakrishnan, Krish
Subject: Facade Cleanup

A couple of contractors doing facade cleanup for building owners have called Asbestos regarding their concern that they might be subject to drought fines for the work they are performing (wet soaking and power washing at low volume are part of the cleanup protocol).

Asbestos has a list of owners who have reported a cleanup underway or about to begin. Is this information something Betsy Collins or Doug Greeley might need to know? I guess I have two questions 1) Is this an issue for the drought emergency and 2) If it is, under the circumstances do we need to look at it differently. Thanks for your help.

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From: Chapin, Diana [NYCDEP/QUEENS/DIANAC3]
Sent: Friday, March 29, 2002 3:20 PM
To: Gilsenan, Michael; 'asumowicz@cityhall.nyc.gov'
Cc: Avaltroni, Robert; Sturcken, Charles; Radhakrishnan, Krish; Theodorellys, Penny
Subject: RE: Exterior cleanup

Since you said Jim had spoken to Ron, I spoke to Ron Tramantano directly. He is NOT concerned about the suits. He did NOT think there is any relationship between the outdoor work and indoor work. He does NOT want to review our scope of work to check it. He was asked about the standards for vehicle cleaning and indoor air by Jim because Jim had talked to someone at Corporation Counsel. Ron does not intend to go to any meetings and he is not expressing concern about our work. I can't speak for Dana at EPA Washington because I do not know her, but if EPA doesn't think what we are doing is reasonable maybe EPA can do the work instead of us. I'll call Kathy and see if Jim is as far off with regard to them and he is with State Health.

Alessandra, can you try to stop this from becoming a big issue when it isn't one? The amount of money to sample each location would probably be very expensive and would lengthen the process a great deal. Also, once we found some buildings that didn't have to be cleaned up under asbestos regulations, the public would protest that they contain other substances we don't currently regulate and still try to get us to clean them. This is rooftop cleaning (facades will be handled at off hours) so we can minimize public alarm since workers can undress before moving to a new location.

By the way, Ron also tells me that although City Health does not want to be involved in any indoor clean up, Miller is enlarging the lists of contaminants of concern.

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From: Gilsenan, Michael
Sent: Friday, March 29, 2002 2:17 PM
To: Chapin, Diana 001
Cc: Avaltroni, Robert; Sturcken, Charles 001; Radhakrishnan, Krish; Theodorellys, Penny
Subject: Exterior cleanup

Jim Miller called me again and informed me that he spoke to EPA and State DOH and that they would like to review our scope of work regarding the exterior cleanup before our pre-bid conference on April 3. I informed Jim that there is nothing in our scope of work that deviates from our Asbestos rules (Title 15 Chapter 1). I advised Jim that EPA and State DOH should look at our Asbestos rules so that they can better understand how the work would be conducted. Jim indicates that EPA and State DOH feel that an argument could be made that by cleaning up outside it somehow translates to cleaning up inside. Jim is looking to have the cleanup be less obtrusive to the public. I told him that I don't know how that can be accomplished without all interested parties meeting. Jim indicated that he would ask OEM to convene a meeting with EPA, State DOL, State DOH, NYC DOH, OSHA and ourselves before April 3.