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Subject: DRAFT LMTF notes - 27 March 2002

Attached please find draft notes from Wednesday's LMTF meeting. Please let me know by COB Monday if you have any corrections.

Please note that the meeting of the communications group has been rescheduled to 12:30 pm (not 2 pm), on 8 April, 100 Gold St, 2 fl, Manhattan room.

Thanks, Lee



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please provide any corrections to Lee Ilan

LOWER MANHATTAN TASK FORCE NOTES – 27 MARCH 2002

Next Meeting – 3 April, 2:30 pm, 100 Gold Street, 2nd Floor, Manhattan Room

Buildings- DOB has a list of approximately ten buildings that have not yet been cleaned and may be suitable for EPA to use for its pilot cleaning project. Ed Gabriel is looking over the list and expects to forward it to EPA Region 2 counsel's office shortly. EPA will need to arrange access with the building owners.

DEP, FEMA, and Landmarks will meet on 28 March to go over procedures and methodology for exterior cleaning. DEP has briefed EDC and expects to brief real estate groups such as BOMA and REBNY in the near future. The area will be divided into three zones with one contractor per zone. Each contractor will have five teams to do the work. Barring no difficulties such as gaining releases from building owners, the work could start in two weeks.

Parks – Jake Cooper submitted a list of parks below canal street, their impact level, and clean-up efforts, along with a map. He will update these documents to include playgrounds, GreenStreets, and dates of testing. Washington Market Park was the only park found to have a significant amount of asbestos, which was properly abated by EPA.

Mapping/Database - Doug Williamson is trying to map the data we have on indoor air results. He needs to know the types of fields to include in the database. Mike Gilsenan will give him an electronic copy of DEP's data, which is categorized by Building Identification Number (BIN). DCAS has info on City-owned and leased buildings. It is important to identify buildings for which no-one has any data. Doug will attend the next IAWG meeting and would appreciate any feedback from people on what information they want to have included. He will have a prototype available for next week's meeting.

Communications (formerly Public Outreach) (Note Time Change – Next meeting 12:30 pm, 8 April, 100 Gold St, 2 fl, Manhattan room.) Laurel Blatchford noted that the outreach group had been mainly working with EPA on its press release for the past week.

Hotline –The hotline received 438 calls between 11-26 March, 17-50 calls per day. Ed Gabriel distributed some charts indicating the types of calls (indoor air, environment, cleaning, old hotline, hangups, etc.) and noted that as we are getting about 19 calls/day that are about environmental issues downtown, hotline staffing will be reevaluated. More info will be forthcoming at the next meeting.

Health Effects (studies, registry, outreach to health professionals)

DOH is compiling an inventory of WTC research projects. A copy of the inventory to date and instructions for adding information were e-mailed to the entire task force.

It appears likely that Mt. Sinai will be working with DOH's Nancy Jeffrey to develop information for broadcast faxes to physicians. David Ippolito noted that all workers tested by OSHA got a letter notifying them of their results and suggesting they see their doctor if appropriate.

Legal – (Next meeting 10 am, 3 April, 100 Gold St, 5th floor conference room). EPA raised some concerns about the Federal Privacy Act and how it may apply to some of the data we have. Lai-Sun Yee will discuss this with Region 2 counsel, which will funnel any concerns of EPA HQ to the legal group. Sylvia Pryce noted that DCAS has shared its data with the unions. Steven Levi from the Torts Division of the Law Dept. urged everyone to maintain and secure their files and document all efforts being done around Lower Manhattan environmental issues, as there will be lawsuits in the near and far future.

WTC Worksite – Bob Adams noted that the number of loads and tonnage taken from the site to the pier has dropped significantly, to approx. 130 loads/24 hours, from about 650 at peak. This is good news and should be touted – Bob will write up the numbers and forward to OEM. West Street will re-open on 29 March. Once the steel from building six is removed in 2-3 weeks, it may no longer be cost-efficient to keep the barge operation going. They are looking at other options. Bob will keep us updated.

Diesel Emission Reduction – Diesel generators continue to be removed, as the site is largely on the Con Ed power grid now. NYS DEC is working to set up a meeting with Tully, the largest subcontractor on site, to promote their participation in a pilot project. Bovis (the prime contractor) is interested, but no word from Tully as yet. Chris Zeppie reported that the Port Authority is discussing the pilot with NESCAUM and with Yonkers Construction, which leases equipment to Tully.

Charting Task Force Progress - Jim Miller suggested the task force begin tracking a number of potential objective indicators of its success in addressing environmental concerns downtown:

- school enrollment (Board of Ed)
- residential vacancy rate (?)
- commercial vacancy rate (EDC)
- real estate property values (residential and commercial) (?)
- food service permits (Health?)
- property sales (DOF)
- employment (DCP)

Lee Ilan will reach out to Board of Ed, Finance, and discuss what info may be available with D/M Doctoroff's Office. Barry Dinerstein will check what info DCP has available

EPA Efforts – Indoor Air Task Force and Work Group (IATF/IAWG) (Work group meets every Thursday at 10 am at 290 Broadway. Contact Dore LaPosta laposta.dore@epa.gov)

EPA issued a press release re air quality actions on 25 March, and Rep. Nadler issued another press release criticizing EPA. Copies of both were e-mailed to the entire task force.

Contaminants of Concern – This group, which is also looking at issues of benchmarks and cleaning, has regular 2pm Monday conference calls. For info contact Mark Maddaloni at maddaloni.mark@epa.gov

FEMA request -Ed Gabriel reported that the Task Force's initial funding request to FEMA has been submitted.