

Avaltroni, Robert

From: Sumowicz, Alessandra
Sent: Friday, March 29, 2002 4:39 PM
To: Chapin, Diana; Gilsenan, Michael; Sumowicz, Alessandra
Cc: Avaltroni, Robert; Sturcken, Charles; Radhakrishnan, Krish; Theodorellys, Penny
Subject: RE: Exterior cleanup

Diana - I will get Ed Gabriel and Jim Miller on the phone Monday morning at 9:30 - we need to conference call with you. We tried you this afternoon, but just got your voice mail. A. Blackberry or call me if you need me.

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From: Chapin, Diana [<mailto:dianac@dep.nyc.gov>]
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
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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.