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7/27/07 0800 HRS INTERAGENCY MEETING

AGENCIES PRESENT:

OEM, NYPD, DOHMH, CONED, VERIZON, ECS, DOB, OSHA, DOT, NYCTA BUSES,
DEP/HAZMAT

OBJECTIVE(S) FOR THIS OPERATIONAL PERIOD: FURTHER PROGRESS OPENING FROZEN
ZONE; PROGRESS IN PROVIDING AIR SAMPLING INFORMATION TO AGENCIES AND
BUSINESSES

DEP:

NO ADDITIONAL FAÇADE WASHING UNTIL SCAFFOLDING COMPLETE WITH POLY.
SAMPLING WILL BE TAKEN EVERY 12 HOURS BEGINNING TODAY, AND ON SUNDAY/MONDAY
WILL BE ONCE EVERY 24 HOURS FOR THE NEXT MONTH.
AIR SAMPLES CONTINUE TO BE NEGATIVE.

DOHMH:

370 LEXINGTON - BEING INSPECTED CURRENTLY.
122 E 42ND ST/374 LEXINGTON - WALK THROUGH BEING DONE TODAY ON FLOORS 30 AND
HIGHER. DOHMH WILL REVISIT THE HIGHER FLOOR ISSUES THIS WEEKEND ONCE LOWER
FLOORS HAVE BEEN CLEANED.
355 LEXINGTON - A COMMISSIONER'S ORDER WAS NEVER ISSUED TO THIS BUILDING AS
SELF-CLEANING HAS BEEN UNDERWAY. DOHMH HAS CONDUCTING A SPOT CHECK, AND
ISSUED AN ORDER FOR ADDITIONAL DEBRIS REMOVAL.
DOHMH COMMAND CENTER STANDING DOWN TODAY. INSPECTORS WILL BE ON-CALL OVER THE
WEEKEND AND MAY WORK OUT OF OEM ICC.

CONED:

ALL GAS MAINS HAVE BEEN REMOVED FROM CONSTRUCTION SITE.
ELECTRIC CABLES HAVE BEEN REMOVED FROM THE SITE AND LABELED FOR FORENSIC
WORK.

VERIZON/EMPIRE CITY SUBWAY (ECS):

WORKING IN MANHOLES IN AND AROUND E 41ST STREET/LEXINGTON AVENUE, BUT
CURRENTLY DELAYED DUE TO A DOWNED FEEDER.
ATTEMPTING TO SPEED UP PERIMETER REPAIRS.
ENGINEERS TRYING TO DETERMINE TIME FOR END OF OPERATIONS.



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DOB:

PARAPETS PUT UP, AND LIGHTS ON SHEDS BEING INSTALLED. MINOR INFRACTIONS NOTICED, AND DOB WILL ADVISE CON ED TO INSURE CORRECTIONS WILL BE MADE. NO SUMMONS WILL BE ISSUED AT THIS TIME.

DOB REQUEST ALL PROPER PERMITS BE OBTAINED BEFORE ANY WORK BEGINS.

DOB INSPECTORS STANDING DOWN, BUT WILL HAVE PERSONNEL ON-CALL.

NYCTA BUS:

STILL HEAVY VEHICLE TRAFFIC IN AREA.

REQUESTING TRAFFIC CONTROL OFFICERS BE ASSIGNED TO 5TH AVENUE, MADISON AVENUE, 3RD AVENUE ALL ALONG E 42ND STREET TO INCREASE FLOW OF TRAFFIC.

BUS SERVICE AT 3RD AVENUE/ E 42 STREET AND E 40TH STREET/PARK AVENUE SOUTHBOUND HAVE BEEN RESTORED.

NYPD:

PRIVATE SECTOR:

HAVE REQUESTED AIR SAMPLING INFORMATION BE GIVEN TO BUSINESS.

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES:

OEM PROVIDING PRIVATE OWNER CONTACT INFO TO AGENCIES THAT REQUEST IT / PRIVATE OWNERS TO LIAISON TO THEIR RESPECTIVE CONTRACTORS.

ECS HAS RECOMMENDED THAT DEP INCREASE AIR SAMPLING SINCE ACTIVITY AT CONSTRUCTION SITE/CRATER HAS INCREASED.

TRANSPORTATION ISSUES:

AT APPROXIMATELY 1130 HRS, A TRACTOR EXCAVATOR WILL BE POLICE ESCORTED FROM CONNECTICUT TO THE NY STATE LINE, AND WILL BE MET BY NYPD HIGHWAY OFFICERS WHO WILL ESCORT THE APPARATUS TO THE CONSTRUCTION SITE. NO NYC STREET ITINERARY REPORTED.

NO OTHER ACCESS ISSUES.

NO OTHER INFRASTRUCTURE ISSUES.

NO OTHER UTILITY ISSUES.

NEXT IAP MEETING AT 0900 ON 7/28

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