

Testimony to WTC Air Quality Technical Expert Panel

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I would like to tell you about the ‘whole building’ clean up that we had at my building at 366 Broadway.

The protocols called for a pre-cleaning inspection by EPA and the company who would do the cleaning. On February 26 2003 three people came to the building for this pre cleaning inspection:

Robert Fitzpatrick from EPA

Mark Nakhumovich from ATC and

Andrew Konstandt ASCS

I went with them to the roof where they were to inspect the ventilation shafts for our exhaust vents. As they were removing the mushroom top of the first shaft, I asked what they were looking for and was told that they were looking for WTC dust.

Once the shaft became visible, I was excited to see that there was quite a lot of dust in the shaft. Oh look, I said, dust. That is not WTC dust, I was told. A camera was passed down the shaft and we watched on a screen what the camera was seeing – lots of dust. However, this was not WTC dust. I asked how they knew it was not WTC dust. Mr. Fitzpatrick said he knew as he had worked on the pile. WTC dust he declared was brown/grey not the grey dust that we had at 366 Broadway.

By the time we got to the third mushroom (we have 4) a resident who has roof space came out to ask me what was going on. I asked her if there had been WTC dust on the roof after the WTC collapse. She said there had. She told me the dust was grey! This information cut no ice with the team inspecting the vents. They also took a brief look at the elevator shafts. Mr. Fitzpatrick ran his finger over some dust in the shaft and declared it not WTC dust, as when he rubbed it between his fingers, he felt no fibers.

I received a report saying the vents were clear of WTC dust. This meant that neither the vents nor the elevator shafts would be cleaned.

Trio came to clean the common areas on March 7th. I asked the manager on site if the workers should not be wearing masks to do this work. He declared that the workers had been informed about masks, but since he knew what asbestos looked like, and had not seen any, they did not need masks. I was interested to know how he would identify asbestos in our grey carpets, but he was not interested in discussing this.

My only science education is high school biology. You are a panel of experts. Are you confident based on these 'inspections' that there is no WTC dust at 366 Broadway?

Thank you.