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Mr. Frank J. Houston
Audit Director
Office of State Comptroller
123 William Street, 21st Floor
New York, NY, 10038

Re: Audit Report #2009-F-51

Dear Mr. Houston:

Enclosed are our responses to your follow up on the actions taken by the New York Convention Center Operating Corporation (NYCCOC) aka Jacob K. Javits Convention Center, to implement the recommendations contained in your audit report, Compliance with Executive Order 134-Environmental Impact of Cleaning Facilities (Report 2008-S-15).

The Javits Center is a 1.8 million square foot facility that has to be maintained/cleaned which includes: 50 loading docks, 12 city blocks of roadway, 16 acres of roof, 715,000 square feet of exhibit space, 30,000 square feet of meeting rooms, 120,000 square feet of pre-function space, 12 city blocks of side walks, 16,000 windows, over 3,000 employees and approximately 3 million exhibitors and attendees per year. This facility presents varying types and degrees of cleaning challenges from the loading docks to the pre-function space for customers.

Please find management's responses to the unresolved issues discussed in the report below:

Recommendation 3-- Partially implemented

The assessment report documenting efforts to comply with the order has been prepared.

Recommendation 4 -- Not Implemented

The Assessment report is posted for employees and general public in the Cleaning Labor Hall.

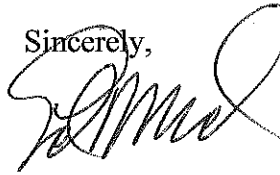
Recommendation 5—Not Implemented

Our efforts to encourage show vendors to use environmentally preferred cleaning products includes the following:

1. Area on the web site indicating what the Center is using, encouraging all visitors to utilize green cleaning products and an invitation to ask center staff if they have any questions.
2. The January/February Show Managers Bulletin has an article encouraging the use of environmentally friendly cleaning products when at the Center. The Bulletin goes to Show Managers and Contractors.
3. The bi-weekly operation meeting is attended by many of our vendors and the agenda now includes environmentally friendly cleaning products.

I wanted to thank Cindi Frieder, Christine Chu, Irina Kovaneva, Jean-Renel Estime and Menard Petit-Phar for their professionalism in working with our staff. They were always respectful of their time and responsibilities. If you have any questions regarding this response I can be reached by calling 212-216-2369.

Sincerely,



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