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Subject: [aff-hous] Clean up heating oil WITHOUT tenants paying more

Hi, all.

I went to a press conference this morning of Manhattan Borough President Scott Stringer, who announced a report about heating oil's "dirty dozen" at

http://www.mbpo.org/release_details.asp?id=1795).

The facts:

(1) heating oil causes more pollution than all the cars and trucks combined.

(2) buildings with rent stabilized & controlled units (probably because they are older and many are not as well maintained) produce the most pollution.

The City previously announced an initiative to clean up the boilers - by 2030 - with landlords passing the costs along to the tenants who live in the offending buildings. But it's not the tenants' fault and the pollution is aggravating asthma and other health conditions of people living in densely populated areas.

Stringer announced concrete proposals to require landlords to change their boilers much sooner - with subsidies available right now from the city - - proposals that do not pass the burden along to the tenants.

Go for it! http://www.mbpo.org/release_details.asp?id=1795

- Sue

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