



Cassidy Elementary School
6523 Lansdowne Avenue
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Asbestos Abatement Air Monitoring Report

AUGUST 15, 2018

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VERTEX Project No: 51203

Work Order Numbers: 1761231

Control No: 2018424003

Encumbrance Number: 583018

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1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In June 2018, The Vertex Companies, Inc. (VERTEX) was retained by the School District of Philadelphia to provide air monitoring and laboratory services in conjunction with an abatement project at the Cassidy Elementary School located at 6523 Lansdowne Avenue in Philadelphia, PA. These services were performed under Encumbrance Number 583018, School District Control Number 2018424003, and Work Order Number 1761231.

Work activities were initiated in response to the newspaper article (i.e., dated May 10, 2018 online at Philly.com and May 13, 2018 in the Philadelphia Inquirer). The article reported that wipe sampling was performed by a staff member in designated locations within Classroom #302 (i.e., air conditioning unit) and the Classroom #302 closet (i.e., ledge and floor). Analytical results of the wipe sampling yielded levels which ranged between 370,000 F/cm² – 4,070,000 F/cm².

Following the review of the article and the analytical results reported, the School District of Philadelphia initiated a remedial effort to address the reported concerns. To that end, the following protocol was employed:

Initial Response

1. The School District directed one of its contracted consultants to inspect these areas for presence of asbestos containing materials and/or the potential source of the results reported.
2. An inspection was performed in which no asbestos containing materials were found within Classroom #302 or its closet.
3. In accordance with School District standard protocol, the building inspector prepared an Asbestos Design Data Collection (DDC).

Secondary Response

1. The School District of Philadelphia retained The Vertex Companies, Inc. (VERTEX) to consult/oversee any resulting remediation or abatement to be performed.
2. VERTEX, in conjunction with a representative of the Philadelphia Federation of Teachers, Mr. Jerry Roseman of Occupational Health Consultation Services, Inc. (OHCS) performed a re-inspection of Classroom #302 and its closet.
3. The re-inspection confirmed that no asbestos containing materials were present within Classroom #302 or its closet.
4. A revised DDC was prepared. The DDC was utilized to define the abatement remedial effort to be employed within Classroom #302 and its closet.

Abatement Remedial Effort

1. Abatement operations were initiated on July 18, 2018.
2. All work was performed by members of the School District of Philadelphia's A-Team. The A-Team workers are all licensed by the City of Philadelphia and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to perform asbestos abatement operations.
3. All licensed workers donned proper personal protective (PPE) equipment, including but not limited to TYVEK® suits and NIOSH approved half-face air purifying respirators.
4. Daily air monitoring was performed by a licensed Asbestos Project Inspector (API) throughout the duration of the remedial effort.
5. Classroom #302/closet (work area) was regulated with critical barriers consisting of 2 layers of 6-mil plastic sheeting. Critical barriers were installed over all windows, doors, vents and other openings, etc. to or within the work area.
6. A single stage decontamination unit was established at the entrance to the work area.
7. Negative air was established within the work area.
8. All materials (i.e., furniture, supplies, stored objects, etc.) located within the work area were wet wiped, HEPA vacuumed and removed from the work area (i.e., stored in the hallway).
9. Plaster ceiling debris located on the top of suspended ceiling tiles in the classroom was HEPA vacuumed.
10. Penetrations through the plaster ceiling into the attic space above were sealed with either 6-mil poly or spray foam.
11. Damaged fiberglass pipe insulation was removed from Classroom #302 closet.
12. All surfaces (i.e., walls, floor, etc.) were wet wiped and HEPA vacuumed.
13. All waste generated as part of the removal project was double-bagged and labeled for proper disposal at an EPA approved landfill.
14. At the completion of the remedial effort on July 20, 2018, VERTEX's API performed a visual inspection and did not observe any dust or debris on any surfaces within the work area.
15. Aggressive clearance sampling was performed by both VERTEX and OHCS on July 23, 2018. All five (5) work area samples were analyzed utilizing Transmission Electron Microscopy (TEM).
16. Analytical results of clearance testing for both VERTEX and OHCS yielded levels below the City of Philadelphia's clearance criteria of 0.00554 AS/cc, and the AHERA clearance criteria <70 AS/mm².

2.0 PROJECT OVERSIGHT

VERTEX provided an API for on-site inspection and daily air monitoring throughout the duration of the project. Services were performed by certified APIs Louis DiMichele (certification no. 991-1004), Bernard Brunner (certification no. 064-0008) and Ed Keegan (certification no.911-1004). The project was managed by Donald P. Heim.



3.0 RESULTS

1. Airborne concentrations (i.e., five samples) collected in regulated area after abatement (final clearances) were below the City of Philadelphia's clearance criteria of 0.00554 AS/cc, and the AHERA clearance criteria <70 AS/mm².
2. Airborne concentrations collected outside the regulated work area during abatement activities (perimeters) yielded levels below 0.01 F/cc.
3. Airborne concentrations collected inside the regulated work area during abatement activities also yielded levels below 0.01 F/cc.

Please refer to the attached PCM Air Sampling Results, for a summary of the air sample results.

4.0 ANALYTICAL / AIR MONITORING METHODOLOGIES

Phase Contrast Microscopy (PCM) air samples were collected and analyzed in accordance with the National Institute of Safety and Health (NIOSH) Analytical Method #7400, "Asbestos Fibers in Air," using A counting rules. A segment of the collected sample filter is mounted on a slide, treated chemically to make the filter transparent, and then examined using a special microscope reticule and counting procedure with phase contrast illumination at 400 to 500 magnification. Any particle having a length to width (or aspect) ratio greater than 3:1, and a length of 5 micrometers (µm) or greater is counted as a fiber. PCM analysis does not distinguish between asbestos and non-asbestos fibers.

All air samples were collected by the high-volume method in which a pump is used to draw a volume of air through a membrane filter at a known rate. Typical sampling rates for final air testing are less than 10 Liters per minute (L/min) for approximately 1200-1,800 liters. Samples are collected in 25-millimeter (mm) cassettes containing a mixed cellulose ester (MCE) filter with a 0.8 µm-effective pore size for PCM analysis.

Final clearance air samples were collected and analyzed by Transmission Electron Microscopy (TEM). Analysis was performed International Asbestos Testing Laboratories (IATL) of Mount Laurel, New Jersey (AIHA #100188).

5.0 SUMMARY OF PCM AIR SAMPLING RESULTS

Cassidy Elementary School 6523 Lansdowne Avenue Philadelphia, Pennsylvania				
Date collected: 7/18/18 Site Activity/Work Area: Classroom 302 & Closet/Cleaning				
Sample #	Sample Location/Activity	Volume (L)	Fibers per 100 Fields	Sample Result (F/cc)
7.18.01	Perimeter: Hallway outside Classroom 303	1830	14.5	0.004
7.18.02	Perimeter: Hallway outside Classroom 302	1830	5	<0.001
7.18.03	Work area: Classroom 302	1830	14	0.004
7.18.04	Work area: Classroom 302 closet	1830	9	0.002
7.18.05	Blank	-	0	-
7.18.06	Blank	-	0	-
Date collected: 7/19/18 Site Activity/Work Area: Classroom 302 & Closet/Cleaning				
7.19.01	Perimeter: In hall at entrance to Room #302	1266	9.5	0.004
7.19.02	Perimeter: In hall at slop sink room and entrance to attic	1260	3	<0.002
7.19.03	Work area: In classroom #302	1206	12.5	0.005
7.19.04	Blank	-	0	-
Date collected: 7/20/18 Site Activity/Work Area: Classroom 302 & Closet/Cleaning				
7.20.01	Perimeter: In hall at Room #302	660	3.5	<0.004
7.20.02	Perimeter: In hall at slop sink room adjacent to attic entrance	660	0	<0.004
7.20.03	Blank	-	0	-

6.0 SUMMARY OF TEM AIR SAMPLING RESULTS

PRELIMINARY RESULTS
Airborne Asbestos Analysis
TEM AHERA

Client: Vertex
700 Turner Way Suite 105
Aston PA 19014
 Client No.: VER100

Batch No.: 568915
 Project: PSD Cassidy ES
 Project No.: 51203
 Philly Regs: Y
 Turn-Around Time: 1 Day

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Chain of Custody:			
Samples Taken in Field: _____	Date: _____	Time: _____	
Samples Rec'd at Laboratory: <u>TM</u>	Date: <u>7/23/2018</u>	Time: _____	
Samples Analyzed: <u>M. Stewart</u>	Date: <u>7/24/2018</u>	Time: _____	
Preliminary Results Faxed: _____	Date: _____	Time: _____	
Preliminary Results E-Mail: _____	Date: _____	Time: _____	

Summary Data
Transmission Electron Microscopy
AHERA 40CFR 763

Client Sample ID #	IATL Sample ID #	Volume (L)	Comments	Results s/mm ²	Results s/cc
CES-0723-01	6565099	1805	None Detected	< 19.2	< 0.0041
CES-0723-02	6565100	1805	None Detected	< 19.2	< 0.0041
CES-0723-03	6565101	1805	None Detected	< 19.2	< 0.0041
CES-0723-04	6565102	1805	None Detected	< 19.2	< 0.0041
CES-0723-05	6565103	1805	None Detected	< 19.2	< 0.0041

AHERA Clearance Criteria is 70 s/mm². Average (s/mm²) = 19.2
 Phila. Regulations Clearance Criteria is 0.00554 s/cc. Geo = 0.0041
 Z Test Results (see attached, if applicable) _____

Grid Box #: 1112
 Instrument (I, II, III) III

These preliminary results are issued by IATL to expedite procedures by the clients based upon the above data. IATL assumes that all of the sampling methods and data upon which these results are based, has been accurately supplied by the client. These results may not have been reviewed by the Laboratory Director. Final Certificates of Analysis will follow these preliminary results. The signed COAs are to be considered the official results.
 TEM AHERA.001 Revision Date: 06/22/18

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Project No.: 51203

Client: VER100

TEM AIR SAMPLE ANALYSIS SUMMARY

Lab No.: 6565099
Client No.: CES-072301

Volume: 1805.0 L
Location: IWA-Room 302
Date Sampled: 7/23/18

Density (s/mm²): <19.2
Concentration (s/cc): <0.0041
Asbestos Type(s): None Detected

Lab No.: 6565100
Client No.: CES-072302

Volume: 1805.0 L
Location: IWA-Room 302
Date Sampled: 7/23/18

Density (s/mm²): <19.2
Concentration (s/cc): <0.0041
Asbestos Type(s): None Detected

Lab No.: 6565101
Client No.: CES-072303

Volume: 1805.0 L
Location: IWA-Room 302
Date Sampled: 7/23/18

Density (s/mm²): <19.2
Concentration (s/cc): <0.0041
Asbestos Type(s): None Detected

Lab No.: 6565102
Client No.: CES-072304

Volume: 1805.0 L
Location: IWA-Room 302 Closet
Date Sampled: 7/23/18

Density (s/mm²): <19.2
Concentration (s/cc): <0.0041
Asbestos Type(s): None Detected


Lab No.: 6565103
Client No.: CES-072305


Volume: 1805.0 L
Location: IWA-Room 302 Closet
Date Sampled: 7/23/18

Density (s/mm²): <19.2
Concentration (s/cc): <0.0041
Asbestos Type(s): None Detected

Geometric Mean = 0.0041 Structures/cc

Please refer to the Appendix of this report for further information regarding your analysis.

Date Received: 7/23/2018
Date Analyzed: 07/24/2018
Signature: 
Analyst: Mark Stewart

Approved By: 
Frank E. Ehrenfeld, III
Laboratory Director

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Appendix to Analytical Report:

Customer Contact: Don Heim
Method: 40 CFR 763 Final Rule

This appendix seeks to promote greater understanding of any observations, exceptions, special instructions, or circumstances that the laboratory needs to communicate to the client concerning the above samples. The information below is used to help promote your ability to make the most informed decisions for you and your customers. Please note the following points of contact for any questions you may have.

iATL Customer Service: customerservice@iatl.com
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iATL Account Representative: Pete Lesniak
Sample Matrix: Air Cassettes

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Analysis by 40 CFR 763 Final Rule

Certifications:

- NIST-NVLAP No. 101165-0
- NYSDOH-ELAP No. 11021

All results are based on the samples as received at the lab. iATL assumes that appropriate sampling methods have been used and that the data upon which these results are based have been accurately supplied by the client.

Detection Limit (Reporting Limit) is dependent upon the volume of air sampled. AHERA guidelines recommend a minimum of 1200 L (0.0049 s/cc).

Disclaimers / Qualifiers:

There may be some samples in this project that have a "NOTE:" associated with a sample result. We use added disclaimers or qualifiers to inform the client about something that requires further explanation.

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TEM AIR SAMPLE ANALYSIS DETAILS

Lab No.: 6565099
Client No.: CES-072301

Grid Openings: 4
Opening Area (mm²): 0.013
Area Analyzed (mm²): 0.0520
Sensitivity (s/mm²): 19.2
Detection Limit (s/cc): 0.0041

Volume (L): 1805.0 L
Date Sampled: 7/23/18
Location: IWA-Room 302

Asbestos Structures: None Detected

Structures 0.5 µm to <5.0 µm: None Detected
Structures ≥ 5.0 µm: None Detected
Structure Density (s/mm²): <19.2
Structure Concentration (s/cc): <0.0041
Asbestos Type(s): None Detected

Filter Type: MCE
Filter Size (mm²): 385
Pore Size (µm): 0.45

Non-Asbestos Structures: None Detected

Structure Density (s/mm²): <19.2
Structure Concentration (s/cc): <0.0041
Non-Asbestos Type(s): None Detected

Micrograph Number:
EDXA Spectrum ID:

Lab No.: 6565100
Client No.: CES-072302

Grid Openings: 4
Opening Area (mm²): 0.013
Area Analyzed (mm²): 0.0520
Sensitivity (s/mm²): 19.2
Detection Limit (s/cc): 0.0041

Volume (L): 1805.0 L
Date Sampled: 7/23/18
Location: IWA-Room 302

Asbestos Structures: None Detected

Structures 0.5 µm to <5.0 µm: None Detected
Structures ≥ 5.0 µm: None Detected
Structure Density (s/mm²): <19.2
Structure Concentration (s/cc): <0.0041
Asbestos Type(s): None Detected

Filter Type: MCE
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Non-Asbestos Structures: None Detected

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Lab No.: 6565101
Client No.: CES-072303

Grid Openings: 4
Opening Area (mm²): 0.013
Area Analyzed (mm²): 0.0520
Sensitivity (s/mm²): 19.2
Detection Limit (s/cc): 0.0041

Volume (L): 1805.0 L
Date Sampled: 7/23/18
Location: IWA-Room 302

Asbestos Structures: None Detected

Structures 0.5 µm to <5.0 µm: None Detected
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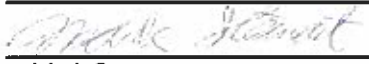
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Lab No.: 6565102
Client No.: CES-072304

Volume (L): 1805.0 L
Date Sampled: 7/23/18
Location: IWA-Room 302 Closet

Filter Type: MCE
Filter Size (mm²): 385
Pore Size (µm): 0.45

Grid Openings: 4
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Non-Asbestos Type(s): None Detected

Micrograph Number:
EDXA Spectrum ID:

Lab No.: 6565103
Client No.: CES-072305

Volume (L): 1805.0 L
Date Sampled: 7/23/18
Location: IWA-Room 302 Closet

Filter Type: MCE
Filter Size (mm²): 385
Pore Size (µm): 0.45

Grid Openings: 4
Opening Area (mm²): 0.013
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