Indoor Air Quality (IAQ) - Mold Report

Wyoming Valley West Middle School

201 Chester Street

Kingston, PA, 18704

ENVIRONMENTAL ABATEMENT ASSOCIATES, INC.

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INDOOR AIR QUALITY INSPECTION / TESTING REPORT

Prepared for:

David Cordes

For the properties known as:

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1.0 INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

Personnel of ENVIRONMENTAL ABATEMENT ASSOCIATES, INC. (EAA) were on site Wednesday, November 27th 2024 at 201 Chester Street, Kingston, Pennsylvania to conduct an Indoor Air Quality (IAQ) inspection and testing. The inspection and testing was conducted at the request of David Cordes

2.0 EVALUATION STRATEGY

The general strategy employed in this evaluation was to:

1. CONDUCT A VISUAL INSPECTION IN DESIGNATED AREAS.
2. CONDUCT MOLD AIR SAMPLING IN DESIGNATED AREAS.
3. PROVIDE A REPORT OF FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

A visual inspection was conducted in designated areas. The inspection was not intended to be an intensive and detailed inspection, but rather an overview of the conditions that may cause poor indoor air quality. The condition of walls, floor, ceilings, etc. were examined for mold growth and any potential problems that could initiate mold growth were noted.

A total of four (4) mold air the samples were collected on interior of buildings using Allergenco-D sampling cassettes manufactured by Environmental Monitoring Systems and a high volume air sampling pump. One (1) air sample was also collected outside the back door in order to establish a background to be used when interpreting the results of the indoor air samples. Per manufacturer recommendations, each air sample was collected at a flow rate of fifteen (15) liters of air per minute (L/M) for a period of five (5) minutes.

Air samples were logged, labeled and shipped overnight to EMSL Analytical, Inc.,an American Industrial Hygiene Association (AIHA) accredited microbiology laboratory, for analysis by microscopic examination.

AIR CONTAMINANT STANDARDS AND GUIDELINES

In parts per million (ppm)

MEASURED PARAMETER	**OSHA PEL** Occupational Safety and Health- Permissible Exposure Limits	**ACGIH TLV** American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists- Threshold Limit Values		**NIOSH REL** National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health- Recommended Exposure Limits				**ASHRAE** American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers
	TWA (8) Total Weighted Average	TWA (8) Total Weighted Average	STEL Short Term Exposure Limits	TWA (8) Total Weighted Average	STEL Short Term Exposure Limits	C Ceiling Recommended Exposure Limits	IDLH Immediately Dangerous to Life and Health	RECOMMENDATIONS
Carbon Monoxide	50	25	-	35	-	200	1,200	Maximum allowable concentration for indoor living spaces is 9 ppm
Carbon Dioxide	5,000	5,000	30,000	5,000	30,000	-	40,000	< 700 ppm above outdoor level indicates adequate ventilation
Temperature								68 ^{O}F - 75 ^{O}F (winter) 73 ^{O}F - 79 ^{O}F (summer)
Relative Humidity								30% – 60%

DATA TABLE I
Temperature, Relative Humidity, Carbon Dioxide and Carbon Monoxide Readings

Test No.	Floor	Location	Test Time	Temperature (°F)	Relative Humidity (%)	Carbon Dioxide (PPM)	Carbon Monoxide (PPM)	Comments
1	1	Main Lobby	1:15	70	26	755	0.7	Air sample #5871214
2	1	Auditorium	1:26	69	22	663	0.8	Air sample #5871225
3	1	Cafeteria	1:33	69	24	704	0.7	Air sample #5871208
4	1	Upstairs Hallway	1:41	72	26	599	0.7	Air sample #5871219
5	1	Baseline (outside)	1:21	36	16	600	0.7	Air sample #5871280

3.0 DISCUSSION AND CONCLUSIONS

Molds are part of the natural environment and are simple, microscopic organisms whose purpose is to break down dead materials. Molds can be found on plants, dry leaves, and about every other organic material. Mold spores are lightweight and are spread by air currents. If spores land on a suitable surface, they will begin to grow. In order to thrive, mold requires four things to grow: water, organic materials, oxygen, and a temperature between 40-90 degrees Fahrenheit.

To stop the growth of mold, find and stop the moisture source. Mold spores will not grow if moisture is not present.

1. Aspergillus Penicillium

a. Aspergillus species are filamentous fungi that are commonly found in soil, decaying, vegetation, seeds and grains where they thrive as saprophytes. Aspergillus species can occasionally be harmful to humans. In humans, Aspergillus fumigatus is the most common and life-threatening airborne opportunistic fungal pathogen, which is particularly important among immunocompromised hosts. Inhaling Aspergillus fumigatus spores(condia) into the lungs may cause multiple diseases, which depend on theimmunological status of the host in humans. These diseases include invasive pulmonaryaspergillosis, aspergilloma, and different forms of hypersensitivity, pneumonitis, andallergic bronchopulmonary aspergillosis (ABPA).

2. Cladosporium

a. Most kinds of Cladosporium are not dangerous to humans, but sometimes they may lead to allergies, or they may worsen asthma. In worse cases, Cladosporium may lead to infections. In most cases if you open some windows or install a heat recovery ventilator (HRV). These measures will help stop new mold from forming, but will not kill active Cladosporium spores already there. For that you will need a non-toxic registered fungicide such as Concrobium.

3. Basidiospores

a. Inhalation of basidiospores can have health effects ranging from pneumonia-like symptoms to cryptococcus meningitis if the infection isn't treated before it spreads to the brain. The list of environments in which this class of molds thrives is extensive. Sources range from old fruit to damp acrylic painted walls. Detection of Basidiospores at levels higher than 5,000 count per cubic meter are considered problematic.

4. Ascospores

a. This group contains potential opportunistic pathogens, toxin producers, and allergens depending on the genus and species. Ascospores do present a human health risk but few have been reported to cause disease.

All sample locations came back with very low numbers

These findings indicate that mold remediation is not needed.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Professor of Microbiology

Mold Air Sample Analysis Results

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Project Information

Project Name/No: 24-44.3 WVW Middle School IAQ

Purchase Order:

EMSL LIMS Project ID: (If applicable, EMSL will provide)

State Samples Collected: PA

Zip Code Samples Collected: 18651

State of Connecticut (CT) must select project location: ☐ Commercial (Taxable) ☐ Residential (Non-taxable)

Sampled By Name: Christopher Tsioles

Sampled By Signature:

No. of Samples in Shipment: 5

Sterile, Sodium Thiosulfate Preserved Bottle Used: ☐

Biocide Used in Source (specify)

Public Water Supply Samples: ☐

Note: All results may automatically be reported to DOH if required by State.

Turn-Around-Time (TAT) Please call ahead for large projects and/or turnaround times 6 Hours or Less. *32 Hour TAT available for select tests only; samples must be submitted by 11:30am.

☐ 3 Hour ☐ 6 Hour ☐ 24 Hour ☐ 32* Hour ☑ 48 Hour ☐ 72 Hour ☐ 96 Hour ☐ 1 Week ☐ 2 Week

MICROBIOLOGY TEST CODES

M001 Air-O-Cell	M174 MoldSnap	M009 Bacteria Culture Gram Stain & Count	M115 Sewage Screen - Water (P/A***)
M030 MICRO 5	M032 Allergenco-D	M010 Bacteria Count & ID - 3 Most Prominent	M116 Sewage Screen - Water (MPN**)
M041 Fungal Direct Examination		M011 Bacteria Count & ID - 5 Most Prominent	M117 Sewage Screen - Swab (P/A***
M169 Pollen ID & Enumeration			M013 Sewage Screen - Swab (MFT*)
M005 Viable Fungi-Air Samples (Genus ID & Count)		M012 *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* (P/A***)	M730 *Methicillin-resistant Staph. aureus* (MRSA)
M006 Viable Fungi-Air Samples (Includes *Penicillum, Aspergillus, Cladosponum, Stachybotrys* Species ID & Count)		M024 *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* (MFT*)	M031 Rapid-growing non-TB *Mycobacteria* Detection & Enumeration
M007 Culturable Fungi-Surface Samples (Genus ID & Count)		M015 Heterotrophic Plate Count	M014 Endotoxin Analysis
M008 Culturable Fungi-Surface Samples (Includes *Penicillum, Aspergillus, Cladosporium, Stachybotrys* Species ID & Count)		M017 Total Coliform & *E. Coli* (Colilert P/A***)	M044 Group Allergen (Cat, Dog, Cockroach, Dust Mite)
M280 Dust Characterization Level-1		M018 Total Coliform & *E. Coli* (MFT*)	M095 *Bacteroides*
M281 Dust Characterization Level-2		M114 Total Coliform & *E. Coli Enumeration (Colilert MPN**)*	Other - See Analytical Price Guide for Test Code
Add On to Spore Trap & M041 Analyses **available at certain lab locations**		M019 Fecal Coliform (MFT*)	*Legionella Analysis* Please use EMSL *Legionella* COC
M280A Dust Characterization Level-1		M020 Fecal *Streptococcus* (MFT*)	
M281A *Dust Characterization Level-2*		M029 *Enterococci* (MFT*)	
		M129 *Enterococci* (Enterolert P/A***)	*MFT= Membrane Filtration Technique
		M180 Real Time qPCR-ERMI 36 Panel	**MPN = Most Probable Number
		M025 Sewage Screen - Water (MFT)*	***P/A = Presence/Absence

Sample #	Sample Location/Description	Sample Type (Matrix)	Potable / Non-Potable (Only for Water)	Test Code	Volume/Area	Date / Time Collected	Temperature (Lab Use Only)
Example: Sample 1	Kitchen	Water	Potable	M017	1,000 ml	1/1/2024 3:30pm	
5871214	Main Lobby	Air		M001	1500 ml	11/27/24 1:15 PM	
5871225	Auditorium	Air		M001	1500 ml	11/27/24 1:26 PM	
5871208	Cafeteria	Air		M001	1500 ml	11/27/24 1:33 PM	
5871219	Upstairs hallway	Air		M001	1500 ml	11/27/24 1:41 PM	
5871280	Baseline Outside	Air		M001	1500 ml	11/27/24 1:21 PM	

Special Instructions and/or Regulatory Requirements (Sample Specifications, Processing Methods, Limits of Detection, etc.)

EMSL Fed Ex

Method of Shipment:		Sample Condition Upon Receipt:	Received on Ice? Check if Yes: ☐
Relinquished by: Christopher Tsioles	Date/Time: 12/1/24	Received by:	Date/Time: 12/4/24
Relinquished by:	Date/Time	Received by:	Date/Time: 1000 hrs

☐ AGREE TO ELECTRONIC SIGNATURE (By checking, I consent to signing this Chain of Custody document by electronic signature.)

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Received Date: 12/04/2024
Analyzed Date: 12/05/2024

Project: 24.44.3 WVW Middle School IAQ

Test Report: Allergenco-D(™) Analysis of Fungal Spores & Particulates by Optical Microscopy (Methods MICRO-SOP-201, ASTM D7391)

Lab Sample Number:	182405346-0001			182405346-0002			182405346-0003		
Client Sample ID:	5871214			5871225			5871208		
Volume (L):	150			150			150		
Sample Location:	Main Lobby			Auditorium			Cafeteria		
Spore Types	**Raw Count†**	**Count/m³**	**% of Total**	**Raw Count†**	**Count/m³**	**% of Total**	**Raw Count†**	**Count/m³**	**% of Total**
Alternaria (Ulocladium)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ascospores	-	-	-	1	20	16.7	1	20	33.3
Aspergillus/Penicillium++	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Basidiospores	2	40	85.1	3	60	50	2	40	66.7
Bipolaris++	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Chaetomium++	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cladosporium	-	-	-	2	40	33.3	-	-	-
Curvularia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Epicoccum	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fusarium++	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ganoderma	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Myxomycetes++	1	7*	14.9	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pithomyces++	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rust	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Scopulariopsis/Microascus	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Stachybotrys/Memnoniella	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Unidentifiable Spores	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Zygomycetes	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Fungi	**3**	**47**	**100**	**6**	**120**	**100**	**3**	**60**	**100**
Hyphal Fragment	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Insect Fragment	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pollen	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Analyt. Sensitivity 600x	-	21	-	-	21	-	-	21	-
Analyt. Sensitivity 300x	-	7*	-	-	7*	-	-	7*	-
Skin Fragments (1-4)	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	1	-
Fibrous Particulate (1-4)	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	1	-
Background (1-5)	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	1	-

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No discernable field blank was submitted with this group of samples.

Kevin Ream, Laboratory Manager
or other Approved Signatory

Samples analyzed by EMSL Analytical, Inc. Plymouth Meeting, PA AIHA LAP, LLC-EMLAP Accredited #178659

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Lab Sample Number:	182405346-0004			182405346-0005		
Client Sample ID:	5871219			5871280		
Volume (L):	150			150		
Sample Location:	Upstairs hallway			Baseline Outside		
Spore Types	**Raw Count†**	**Count/m³**	**% of Total**	**Raw Count†**	**Count/m³**	**% of Total**
Alternaria (Ulocladium)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ascospores	-	-	-	1	20	6.3
Aspergillus/Penicillium++	-	-	-	-	-	-
Basidiospores	-	-	-	10	210	66.2
Bipolaris++	-	-	-	-	-	-
Chaetomium++	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cladosporium	-	-	-	3	60	18.9
Curvularia	-	-	-	-	-	-
Epicoccum	-	-	-	1	7*	2.2
Fusarium++	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ganoderma	-	-	-	-	-	-
Myxomycetes++	-	-	-	1	20	6.3
Pithomyces++	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rust	-	-	-	-	-	-
Scopulariopsis/Microascus	-	-	-	-	-	-
Stachybotrys/Memnoniella	-	-	-	-	-	-
Unidentifiable Spores	-	-	-	-	-	-
Zygomycetes	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Fungi	-	None Detected	-	**16**	**317**	**100**
Hyphal Fragment	-	-	-	-	-	-
Insect Fragment	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pollen	-	-	-	-	-	-
Analyt. Sensitivity 600x	-	21	-	-	21	-
Analyt. Sensitivity 300x	-	7*	-	-	7*	-
Skin Fragments (1-4)	-	1	-	-	1	-
Fibrous Particulate (1-4)	-	1	-	-	1	-
Background (1-5)	-	1	-	-	1	-

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along with all premises from which key activities are performed, as listed above, has fulfilled the requirements of the AIHA Laboratory Accreditation Programs (AIHA LAP), LLC accreditation to the ISO/IEC 17025:2017 international standard, General Requirements for the Competence of Testing and Calibration Laboratories in the following:

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Environmental Microbiology Laboratory Accreditation Program (EMLAP)

Initial Accreditation Date: 09/01/2019

EMLAP Scope Category	Field of Testing (FOT)	Component, parameter or characteristic tested	Method	Method Description *(for internal methods only)*
Fungal	Air - Direct Examination	Spore Trap	MICRO-SOP-201	Standard Operating Procedure for the Analysis of Airborne Fungal Spores, Hyphal Fragments, Pollen, Insect Fragments, Skin Fragments and Fibrous Particulate by Optical Microscopy of Spore Trap Samples
Fungal	Bulk - Direct Examination	Bulks (liquid or solid)	MICRO-SOP-200	Standard Operating Procedure for the Microscopic Examination of Fungal Spores, Fungal Structures, Hyphae, Pollen, Insect Fragments, and Fibrous Particulate from Surface Samples
Fungal	Surface - Direct Examination	Swab or Tape Lift	MICRO-SOP-200	Standard Operating Procedure for the Microscopic Examination of Fungal Spores, Fungal Structures, Hyphae, Pollen, Insect Fragments, and Fibrous Particulate from Surface Samples

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