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Limited lead-in-dust wipe sampling report

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Scope of Work

ATC Associates, Inc. (ATC) was retained by New York City Department of Education (NYC-DOE) to collect dust wipes to be analyzed for lead content. Dust wipe samples were collected from areas recommended by the NYC- DOE. These areas are the following:

- 5TH Floor Hallway
- 4th Floor Hallway
- 3rd Floor Hallway
- 2nd Floor Hallway
- 1st Floor Hallway
- Basement Hallway
- 1st Floor Lobby
- Cafeteria
- Auditorium
- Two random Classrooms

The purpose of the dust wipe sampling is to determine if dust in the school contains lead. ATC's representative Mr. Mark Nakhumovich visited Murray Bergtraum H.S. (M520) located at 411 Pearl Street, New York, NY on September 9, 2002. Dust wipes to be analyzed for lead content were collected from the aforementioned areas indicated by the New York City Department of Education Environmental Health & Safety Unit and in accordance with HUD protocols.

LEAD-IN-DUST SAMPLING

Lead-in-dust threshold levels

The New York City Health Code, part 173.14 and the Federal Departments of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) have established acceptable lead-in-dust levels for re-occupancy after a lead abatement has occurred (commonly referred to as "final clearance" levels). As stated in the Code, final clearance after abatement has taken place is achieved when dust wipe samples indicate lead levels below those listed below:

For Window sills:	250 $\mu g/ft^2$
For Floors:	40 $\mu g/ft^2$

Although the lead-in-dust samples collected at Murray Bergtraum H.S. were not collected in response to lead abatement, the same thresholds are used since no other regulations or standards are applicable to this project.

Sampling Methodology

ATC provided all laboratory analytical services in support of this limited inspection. ATC is certified by the New York State Department of Health's Environmental Laboratory

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Accreditation Program to perform lead and related analyses of environmental samples (Laboratory ID Number: 10879). The laboratory utilizes the United States Environmental Protection Agency analysis method number SW846-7420 and the National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health method number 7082M.

The lead-in-dust samples were obtained by gently wiping a pre-measured surface area with non-alcohol moistened towelettes. ATC's representative wore disposable gloves; a new glove was worn with each new sampling procedure, and care was taken to avoid contamination of the towelette and collection vial. Towelettes were then placed into 50ml plastic vials and immediately sealed. The chain of custody form was completed and documents the measurement of the area sampled.

Results of Dust Wipe Sampling

Eleven (11) dust wipe samples were collected from areas indicated to ATC. Laboratory analysis is shown that all dust wipe samples collected from the indicated areas contain lead on floor and window sill surfaces below the guideline level of 40 $\mu g/ft^2$ and 250 $\mu g/ft^2$ respectively. See laboratory report and chain of custody for more details.

Limits of the limited dust wipe sampling

Dust sampling was conducted at NYC-DOE request. The results of this report are applicable for the time the testing was performed. If questions arise concerning lead content in or on components and/or locations not tested by ATC, then additional testing services should be procured. ATC makes no representation or warranty concerning the standards and specifications provided in the HUD Guidelines and the NYC-DOE protocol.

It is our pleasure to provide these limited lead services to New York City Department of Education. If you have any questions regarding this limited lead-in-dust wipe sampling, please do not hesitate to call me at (212) 353-8280 extension #211.

Sincerely,
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