

Limited lead-in-dust wipe sampling report

**SAINT BERNARD SCHOOL
328 WEST 14TH STREET
NEW YORK, NY**

Prepared for:

**Mr. Bernard Orlan
New York City Board of Education
Environmental Health and Safety Unit
28-11 Queens Plaza North
Long Island City, NY 11101**

Prepared by:



**104 East 25th Street
New York, NY 10010
Tel: (212) 353-8280 Fax: (212) 353-8306**

October, 2001

Scope of Work

ATC Associates, Inc. (ATC) was retained by New York City Board of Education (NYC-BOE) to collect dust wipes to be analyzed for lead content in the pre-kindergarten and kindergarten classrooms. Dust wipe samples were collected from areas of Saint Bernard School indicated to ATC by the school's principal on site. The school's principal indicated to ATC five (5) rooms, which they will be use as a pre-kindergarten and kindergarten classrooms. However, at the time of ATC's site visit lead in dust wipes samples were collected only from the four (4) kindergarten classrooms and not from the pre-kindergarten classroom because construction work was continuing in that room. The purposed of the dust wipe sampling is to determine if dust in the school, which it is created by a construction work, contains lead.

ATC's representative Mr. Yiannis Efstathiou visited Saint Bernard School located at 328 West 14th Street, New York, NY on October 8th, 2001. Dust wipes to be analyzed for lead content were collected from areas indicated to ATC by the school's principal on site and as specified by the New York City Board 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 wells:	$\leq 400 \mu\text{g}/\text{ft}^2$
For Windowsills:	$\leq 250 \mu\text{g}/\text{ft}^2$
For Floors:	$\leq 40 \mu\text{g}/\text{ft}^2$

Although the lead-in-dust samples collected at Saint Bernard School 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 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.



*Saint Bernard School
October 8, 2001*

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

Dust wipe samples were collected from areas indicated to ATC by the school's principal on site and a NYC-BOE representative. Laboratory analysis indicated that the four (4) kindergarten classrooms contain lead in dust on floor surfaces, windowsills and window well below the guideline level of 40 $\mu\text{g}/\text{ft}^2$, 250 $\mu\text{g}/\text{ft}^2$ and 400 $\mu\text{g}/\text{ft}^2$ respectively.

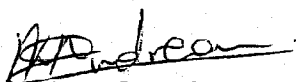
Limits of the limited dust wipe sampling

Dust sampling was conducted at the NYC-BOE request. The school's principal on site indicated sampling locations to ATC. Lead-in-dust wipes were not collected from the pre-kindergarten classroom because there was on going construction. The results of this report are applicable for the time the testing was performed. If questions arise concerning lead content in or on components 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-BOE protocol.

It is our pleasure to provide these lead-based paint services to New York City Board 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 #261.

Sincerely,

ATC Associates, Inc.



Andreas C. Andreou
Senior Project Manager



*Saint Bernard School
October 8, 2001*