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June 26, 2002

Mr. Bernard P. Orlan
 Director, Environmental Health & Safety
 New York City Board of Education
 28-11 Queens Plaza North
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Re: Air Sampling for Silica
High School of Economics and Finance (M833)
100 Trinity Place
New York, New York
ATC Project No. 15-19125-0291

Dear Mr. Orlan:

ATC Associates Inc. (ATC) is pleased to provide this report of the results of air sampling for silica-containing dust conducted on May 18, 25 and 30, 2002, at the referenced school. The New York City Board of Education (BOE) requested this monitoring to evaluate possible contamination in the building.

Scope of Work

ATC collected three (3) samples on each day for respirable dust using pre-weighed 37mm PVC filters connected to size-selective cyclones to remove the larger (non-respirable) particles prior to deposition on the filters. All of the samples were collected indoors. The samples (and one blank on each day) were sent to PSC Analytical Services, Inc., an American Industrial Hygiene Association accredited laboratory in Reading, PA. Analysis for silica was performed by x-ray diffraction according to OSHA Method 142. Copies of the analytical laboratory reports are attached.

Tenzin Namgyal and Wagdi Abdelshahid, Industrial Hygienists of ATC's New York City office, collected the samples consistent with generally accepted industrial hygiene practices. The results of the sampling represent conditions found on the dates the samples were collected.

Samples were obtained in the following locations: 1st floor Main Lobby, 5th floor Hallway and 10th floor Hallway.

Results

The results of all of the samples collected on all three days were *below the detection limit* for silica (<5.0 micrograms per sample).

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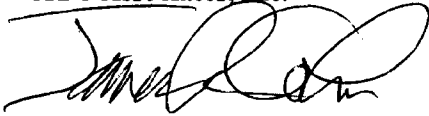
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It is our pleasure to provide these indoor air consultative services to the New York City Board of Education. If you have any questions about this report, please contact me at (212) 353-8280, extension 212.

Sincerely,
ATC Associates, Inc.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'James R. Cohn', with a large, stylized loop at the end.

James R. Cohn, CIH, CSP
Regional Manager
Industrial Hygiene Division

Attachment