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**Re: Wipe Samples for Dioxins
 High School for Leadership and Public Service (894M)
 ATC Project No. 15-19125-0290**

Dear Mr. Orlan:

ATC Associates Inc. (ATC) is pleased to provide this report of the results of the wipe samples for polychlorinated dibenzo-p-dioxins (PCDDs) and dibenzofurans (PCDFs) collected on February 22, 2002, at the referenced location. The New York City Board of Education (BOE) requested these samples to evaluate possible contamination in the school building.

SCOPE OF WORK

Wagdi Abdelshahid, Industrial Hygienist of ATC's New York City office, collected the samples on all three days.

The samples were collected using gauze pads and hexane as a solvent. The pads and solvent were provided and samples were analyzed by Pace Analytical Services, Inc. (Pace) of Minneapolis, MN, a laboratory experienced in dioxin analysis. The analysis was performed by modified EPA Method 8290 using combined capillary column gas chromatography/high resolution mass spectrometry.

The sampling was performed consistent with generally accepted industrial hygiene practices. There were inherent limitations created by constraints of time, operational and work practice variability, variations in contaminant concentrations, and sampling and analytical accuracy. The results of the sampling represent conditions found on the dates the samples were collected.

The New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) established guidelines for dioxin for the re-occupancy of the Binghamton State Office Building following a PCB fire. The NYSDOH guideline for dioxin on surfaces is *25 nanograms per square meter (25 ng/m²)*.

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WIPE SAMPLING RESULTS

ATC submitted three (3) wipe samples for PCDDs/PCDFs (plus one blank) to Pace for analysis. A copy of the laboratory report is provided in Attachment 1. Samples were taken from areas specified by the parents association consultant. The sample area was one square meter (m^2). The sample locations and the areas are shown in the table as well as the results

Each sample was analyzed for sixteen (16) PCDD/PCDF isomers. The results for each isomer were then converted to 2, 3, 7, 8 -tetrachloro-dibenzo-p-dioxin (2, 3, 7, 8-TCDD) equivalents by multiplying by an established equivalency factor. This provides a single value (in nanograms) for the analytical results for each sample. A copy of the analytical laboratory report is attached.

DIOXIN WIPE SAMPLE RESULTS (2, 3, 7, 8 TCDD EQUIVALENTS) February 22, 2002

LOCATION/SAMPLE NUMBER	DIOXIN CONCENTRATION (ng/m²)
Main Lobby Floor /DX1	0.00064
5 th Floor Hallway Floor /DX2	0.000066
10 th Floor Hallway Floor /DX3	0.00059
Field Blank/DX9	0.015

The concentrations on indoor surfaces ranged from 0.000066 to 0.00064 nanograms per square meter (ng/m^2). The levels found in all of these samples are below the NYSDOH guideline of 25 ng/m^2 .

It is not possible to determine when the 2, 3, 7, 8 - TCDD equivalents detected in these samples were deposited. Dioxin samples were not collected from these locations prior to January 2, 2002.

It is our pleasure to provide these indoor environmental services to the NYC Board of Education. If you have any questions about this report, please call (212) 353-8280, extension 212.

Sincerely,
ATC ASSOCIATES INC.



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Attachment