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Mr. Bernard P. Orlan
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New York City Department of Education
28-11 Queens Plaza North
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Re: Air Sampling for Hydrocarbons
P. S. 131M
ATC Project No. 15-19125-0346

Dear Mr. Orlan:

ATC Associates, Inc. (ATC) is pleased to provide this report of the results of air sampling for volatile hydrocarbon compounds conducted on August 22, 2002, at the referenced school. The New York City Department of Education (DOE) requested this sampling prior to the resumption of classes to verify that acceptable indoor air quality is being maintained.

Scope of Work

ATC collected three (3) samples for hydrocarbon compounds (HC) at specified locations. Samples were collected for ten (10) hours using activated coconut shell charcoal tubes connected to battery-powered sampling pumps at a flow rate of 0.2 liters per minute. Pumps were calibrated before and after each sampling period. One blank tube was also submitted. The samples were sent to PSC Analytical Services, Inc., an American Industrial Hygiene Association-accredited laboratory in Reading, PA. Analysis was performed by capillary gas chromatography/flame ionization detection (OSHA Method 7).

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

Each sample was analyzed for a panel of sixteen (16) specific HC compounds. These compounds were: pentane, acetone, methylene chloride, hexane, chloroform, methyl chloroform, benzene, 1,2-dichloroethane, trichloroethylene, toluene, perchloroetyhylene (tetrachloroethylene), chlorobenzene, ethylbenzene, styrene, cumene and xylenes. In addition, two non-identified peaks, total other A-hydrocarbons and total other B-hydrocarbons, were reported. The A-hydrocarbons are those, such as gasoline or light alcohols, with boiling points less than that of benzene (176°F). The B-hydrocarbons are those, such as mineral spirits or petroleum naphtha, with boiling points greater than that of benzene. A copy of the analytical laboratory report is attached.

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The sampling locations were as follows:

1st Floor Main Lobby, 2nd Floor Hallway by Room 210 and 3rd Floor Hallway by Room 327.

Results

None of the HCs in the panel were present in the samples above the limits of detection for the analyses.

ATC appreciates the opportunity to provide this air quality service to the DOE. Please call (212) 353-8280 extension 370 or 212 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
ATC Associates, Inc.

Tenzin Namgyal
Industrial Hygienist

Reviewed by:

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Attachment

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