

November 3, 2015

Mr. Bernard P. Orlan
Director, Environmental Health & Safety
New York City Department of Education
44-36 Vernon Blvd., 3rd Floor
Long Island City, NY 11101

**Re: PCB Wipe Sampling Report
Queens Voc HS (Q600)
Cardno ATC Project: No. Z214AA-0844
Work Order No. 00592341 03**

Dear Mr. Orlan:

Cardno ATC was retained by NYC-DOE to perform a limited PCB wipe sampling inspection at Q600 located at 37-02 47th Avenue, Long Island City, NY 11101. The inspection was performed by Mr. Diego Lopez on November 2, 2015 and it was limited to wipe samples collection and analysis within Room #307 to determine if any surface was contaminated with PCB, following the removal of failed T-12 light fixture ballast. The light fixture ballast was removed by Triumvirate Environmental, a hazardous waste management contractor retained by NYC-DOE to provide removal and clean up services.

BACKGROUND

Polychlorinated biphenyls are a group of man-made chemicals that can cause a number of different harmful effects. PCB's are either oily liquids or solids and are colorless to light yellow. There are no known natural sources of PCB's in the environment. PCB's were used mainly in making electrical transformers, capacitors and other heat transfer devices but some were also used in building materials.

PCB's may be present in older fluorescent light fixtures in any school building that had fluorescent lights installed before 1979 and never had a lighting upgrade. The ballast is a transformer inside the light fixture that is not accessible unless the light is disassembled. PCB's are contained within the light ballasts' capacitors and in the ballasts' potting material (a black tar-like substance used to protect the capacitor). As the ballast ages, it can overheat causing a burning or smoky odor or in some cases, causing tar from the potting material or oil to drip from the fixture.

Indications of leaking PCB ballasts may include the presence of an oily film on the metal casing, a leaking putty-like compound (the potting material), or discoloration of the metal casing. Other leaking signs include drips, buzzing, and discoloration of the light ends. Almost all ballast casings are a single color (often black or white) with a contrasting label. Leaks, when present, are usually found around the metal seams of the casing. Indications of burning PCB ballast may include: an acrid and burning tar odor; melted tar oozing from the casing seams; and visible electrical lead bushings. It is very rare for PCB ballasts to actually catch on fire.

Evaluation Criteria for PCB Spills

PCB manufacture, use, storage and disposal are regulated by U.S. EPA under TSCA and Part 761, Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations (40 CFR Part 761). TSCA regulates any materials or wastes that contain PCBs at concentrations of 50 ppm (parts per million) or greater. Light ballasts containing PCB oil in the small capacitor or the potting compound are included in this regulation. Leaking PCB ballasts are regulated as hazardous wastes and toxic substances. Proper handling and cleanup of leaking PCB ballasts is necessary to protect public health and the environment. TSCA regulates disposal of PCB wastes with concentrations over 1 ppm. Leaking PCB light ballasts often generate wastes in excess of 1 ppm. In addition, PCBs are regulated under TSCA if an impervious surface shows 10 micrograms (ug) per 100 square centimeters (cm²) of PCBs. Examples of this in the classroom are the surfaces of floors, desks, and bookcases.

PCB WIPE SAMPLES

Cardno ATC collected a total of three (3) samples (two surface samples and one blank) within Room #307 and subsequently sent them to New York Environmental and Analytical Labs., Inc. for analysis via EPA 8082 Method. All samples were obtained in accordance with EPA 40CFR 761.123 and NYC-DOE "PCB Light Ballasts Wipe Sampling Protocol" and included using a 10x10 cm template to outline the sample area and a sterile gauze pad wetted with hexane or reagent grade acetone to collect the sample. The hexane or reagent grade acetone wetted pad was used to wipe the area outlined with the 100 cm² template or the measured area if the area is an irregular surface. The area was wiped completely twice, from left to right and then from top to bottom. For waxed surfaces such as floors the wetting agent used is de-ionized water or distilled water because solvents used on waxed surfaces will not give an accurate analysis for PCB's. The wipe media was then inserted into a 6 ounce sterilized glass vial and delivered to the laboratory.

The following table summarizes the inspection results:

Table 1.0 PCB Wipe Sample Results (after ballast removal)

Sample Id. No.	Location	Type of Surface Sampled	Sample Media	Detection Limit (ug/cm ²)	Result (ug/cm ²)
01	Blank	Blank	Gauze Pad w/ hexane or reagent acetone	3	<3
02	Room #307	Desk (x=10.00, y=7.00)	Gauze Pad w/ hexane or reagent acetone	0.03	<0.03
03	Room #307	Floor- 12x12 black VFT (x=10.05, y=8.00)	Gauze Pad w/ deionized water	0.03	<0.03

CONCLUSIONS

Wipe samples obtained from desk and floor within Room #307 show PCB concentrations to be below detection limit.

Cardno ATC is pleased to be of service to the New York City Department of Education. Please feel free to contact us at (212) 353 8280 ext. 268 if you should have any questions or comments concerning this report.

Cardno ATC



Mike Balota
Project Manager

Appendixes: A- PCB Data and Chain of Custody Forms
B- PCB Analytical Results
C- Laboratory Certifications
D- NYC DOE Work Order Request

APPENDIX A

PCB DATA AND CHAIN OF CUSTODY FORMS

PCB WIPE SAMPLING COC

PROJECT INFORMATION

1. Client: NYC-DOE		2. Project Name: Queens Voc #15 (Qcm)		3a. ATC Project No.: Z214AA.0344		4a. Project Manager: Dragos Balota	
		2a. Project Address: 37-02 47 Ave		3b. Task No.: 0001		4b. Inspector: Diego Lopez	
5. Date: 11/02/15		6. Building Name:		8. Turnaround Time: RUSH (6 hours or less)		9. Comments (Field) Analyze all samples via 8082 Method.	
		7. Location: Room # 307					

WIPE SAMPLE LOCATION

10. Sample ID No.	11. LAB ID No.	12. Room No.	13A. Surface Sampled	13B. Sample Coordinates (x and y)	14. MEDIA	15. Area Sampled (cm ²)	16. MDL (ug/cm ²)	16A. RESULT (ug/cm ²)
01		←	BLANK	→	Gauze Pad w/ Hexane		3ug	ND 23ug
02		307	DESK	X=10'00 Y=7'00	↓	100cm ²	3	23
03		↓	12x12 VFT Block	X=10'05 Y=8'00	DEION H ₂ O	↓	3	23



CHAIN OF CUSTODY

17. Relinquished By	18. Date	19. Time	20. Received By	21. Date	22. Time	23. Method of Submittal
I. D. Lopez	11/02/15					Field
II.						Walk In
III.						US Mail
						Fed-Ex
						Other

LABORATORY INFORMATION

24. Name and Signature:		25. Date	26. Time	27. Comments: Please email results to dragos.balota@cardno.com
24a. Analyzed By: Wai S Chan		11/3/15	8:50AM	
24b. Analyzed By:				
24c. QC By:				

APPENDIX B

PCB ANALYTICAL RESULTS

ANALYTICAL REPORT for PCBs

Project Information	Batch Information	Client Information
NYE Project No.: 44124 Client Project No.: Q600 / Z214AA.08 Street: 37-02 47th Ave City: Queens, NY	Batch No.: C7142 Field Tech: Client Total Samples: 3 Date Sampled: 11/2/2015 Date Received: 11/2/2015 Date Analyzed: 11/3/2015 Date Reported: 11/3/2015	Client No.: 18810 Name: Cardno ATC Street: 104 E. 25th Street, 10th Floor City/State/Zip: New York NY 10010 Phone/Fax: (212) 353-8280 (212) 353-8306 Contact: M Bonezzi

SAMPLE INFORMATION

Field Sample ID: 1	Sample Batch No. C7142-1
Sample Location: Blank	Matrix: Wipe

ANALYTICAL RESULTS

PCB ID	CAS No.	Result (µg)	MDL (µg)
PCB 1016	12674-11-2	< 3	3
PCB 1221	11104-28-2	< 3	3
PCB 1232	11141-16-5	< 3	3
PCB 1242	53469-21-9	< 3	3
PCB 1248	12672-29-6	< 3	3
PCB 1254	11097-69-1	< 3	3
PCB 1260	11096-82-5	< 3	3

Comment:

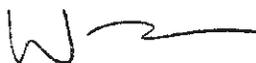
Lab. Certification

ELAP #: 11510

Testing Method

GC/ECD

EPA 3550C (prep) & 8082A (analysis)



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 Chemist



Li Tsang
 Laboratory Director

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SAMPLE INFORMATION

Field Sample ID: 2	Sample Batch No. C7142-2
Sample Location: Room 307, Desk	Matrix: Wipe

ANALYTICAL RESULTS

PCB ID	CAS No.	Result (µg/cm²)	MDL (µg/cm²)
PCB 1016	12674-11-2	< 0.03	0.03
PCB 1221	11104-28-2	< 0.03	0.03
PCB 1232	11141-16-5	< 0.03	0.03
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SAMPLE INFORMATION

Field Sample ID: 3	Sample Batch No. C7142-3
Sample Location: Room 307, 12x12 Black Vinyl Floor Tile	Matrix: Wipe

ANALYTICAL RESULTS

PCB ID	CAS No.	Result (µg/cm ²)	MDL (µg/cm ²)
PCB 1016	12674-11-2	< 0.03	0.03
PCB 1221	11104-28-2	< 0.03	0.03
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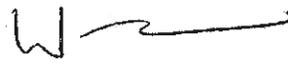
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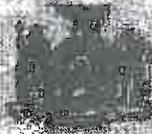


APPENDIX C

LABOARTORY CERTIFICATIONS

NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
WADSWORTH CENTER

Expires 12:01 AM April 01, 2015
Issued April 01, 2014



CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL FOR LABORATORY SERVICE

Issued in accordance with and pursuant to section 501 Public Health Law of New York State

MR. LI TSANG
NY ENVIRONMENTAL AND ANALYTICAL LABS INC
88 HARBOR ROAD
PORT WASHINGTON, NY 11050

NY Lab Id No: 11510

Is hereby APPROVED as an Environmental Laboratory in conformance with the
National Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Conference Standards (2003) for the category
ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSES SOLID AND HAZARDOUS WASTE
All approved analyses are listed below:

Characteristic Testing

TCLP EPA 1311

Polychlorinated Biphenyls

PCB-1011 EPA

PCB-1221 EPA

PCB-1232 EPA

PCB-1242 EPA

PCB-1248 EPA 8084

PCB-1254 EPA 8072A

PCB-1260 EPA 8072B

Sample Preparation Methods

EPA 8210



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APPENDIX D

NYC DOE WORK ORDER REQUEST

Facility: DSF DIVISION OF SCHOOL FACILITIES
 Unit : Q Project :
 W/O Type: CO Task Pri: 04 Tsk Dspln: H
 Planner : GBAUER2 BAUER
 W/O Title : 75/24Q600/ REMOVE REPLACE T-12 BALLA
 W/O Task Title: 75/24Q600/ WIPE TEST T12 BALLAST
 Written To : QUEENS VOC HS - Q
 Completed By:



0844

Work Order Package

00592341 03

Rpt : TIPMC11
 Date: 11/02/2015



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Work Order Task Written To

Facility : DSF	Unit : Q	Op Sys : GEO-24
Division : ABLDG Q600	Area : ISC2	Sys/Cls: Q600
Equipment : ABLDG Q600	Component:	
Work Item :	Eqt. List:	Ops Review Req'd: N
Equip. Tag:	Alt:	
UTC :	Tbl/Brkdwn: (Past 12 mo)	
Catalog ID:	Job Type : ET UCR:LB16	
Client/Act: MJAR1301	MARCIA JARRETT	
Location : Q00 22800020 000001 37 -02 47 AV, LONG ISLAND CITY, NY 11101		
Cost Centr: G839	Activity :	User Def:
Percentage: 100.000	Acct No. : GL	

Work Order Task Instructions

Wipe tast T-12 ballast
 Smoking ballast in room 307
 MARCIA JARRETT 718-937-9028 917-279-3706

Completion Comments on Work Performed

Completion Comments Required : N

Comments:

Comments:

Comments:

Continued on Additional Sheets? : _____