

June 13, 2013

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

**Re: PCB Wipe Sampling Report  
I.S. 180X  
Cardno ATC Project: No. 42672.2369  
Work Order No. 00503325 03**

Dear Mr. Orlan:

Cardno ATC was retained by NYC-DOE to perform a limited PCB wipe sampling inspection at X180 located at 700 Baychester Avenue, Bronx, NY 10475. The inspection was performed by Mr. Diego Lopez on June 12, 2013 and it was limited to wipe samples collection and analysis in Room #217 and 258 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 (cm<sup>2</sup>) 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 five (5) samples (four surface samples and one blank) within Room #217 and 258 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 cm<sup>2</sup> 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 <sup>2</sup> ) | Result (ug/cm <sup>2</sup> ) |
|----------------|-----------|---|--|---------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 01             | Blank     | Blank                                       | Gauze Pad w/ hexane or reagent acetone | 3                                     | <3                           |
| 02             | Room #217 | Desk (x=8.09, y=8.10)                       | Gauze Pad w/ hexane or reagent acetone | 0.03                                  | <0.03                        |
| 03             | Room #217 | Floor- 12x12 off white VFT (x=9.05, y=13.9) | Gauze Pad w/ deionized water           | 0.03                                  | <0.03                        |

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|----------------|-------------|--|--|---------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 04             | Toilet #258 | Toilet bowl<br>(x=4.03, y=12.08)         | Gauze Pad w/<br>hexane or<br>reagent acetone | 0.03                                  | <0.03                        |
| 05             | Toilet #258 | Floor- ceramic tiles<br>(x=4.01, y=8.01) | Gauze Pad w/<br>deionized water              | 0.03                                  | <0.03                        |

### CONCLUSIONS

Wipe samples obtained from Room #217 and 258 show PCB concentrations to be below the 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**

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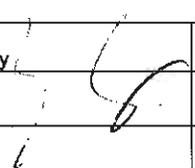
**PROJECT INFORMATION**

|                              |  |  |  |   |
|------------------------------|--|--|--|---|
| 1. Client:<br><b>NYC-DOE</b> |  | 2. Project Name:<br><b>X180 (Bronx)</b>              | 3a. ATC Project No.:<br><b>42672. 2369</b> | 4a. Project Manager:<br><b>Dragos Balota</b>                        |
| 5. Date:<br><b>6/12/13</b>   |  | 2a. Project Address:<br><b>700 Baychester Ave</b>    | 3b. Task No.:<br><b>0001</b>               | 4b. Inspector:<br><b>Diego Lopez</b>                                |
| 6. Building Name:            |  | 8. Turnaround Time:<br><b>RUSH (6 hours or less)</b> |  | 9. Comments (Field):<br><b>Analyze all samples via 8082 Method.</b> |
| 7. Location: Room #          |  |  |  |   |

**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 <sup>2</sup> ) | 16. MDL (ug/ cm <sup>2</sup> ) | 16A. RESULT (ug/ cm <sup>2</sup> ) |
|-------------------|----------------|----------------|---|--|------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 01                |                | ←              | BLANK   | —                                      | Gauze Pad w/ Hexane    | →                                   | 43 ug                          | < 30 ug                            |
| 02                |                | 217            | DESK  | X = 8.09<br>Y = 8.10                   | ↓                      | 10.0                                | 0.03                           | < 0.03                             |
| 03                |                | ↓              | FLOOR<br>12x12 (off white)  | X = 9.05<br>Y = 13.09                  | Deion H <sub>2</sub> O |                                     | 0.03                           | < 0.03                             |
| 04                |                | 258            | Toilet Bowl   | X = 4.03<br>Y = <del>12.03</del> 12.08 | Gauze Pad w/ Hexane    |                                     | 0.03                           | < 0.03                             |
| 05                |                | ↓              | FLOOR<br>ceramic Tile   | X = 4.01<br>Y = 8.01                   | Deion H <sub>2</sub> O | ↓                                   | 0.03                           | < 0.03                             |
|                   |                | JUN 12 PM 6 43 | 2131480   |  |                        |                                     |                                |                                    |
|                   |                |                |  |  |                        |                                     |                                |                                    |

**CHAIN OF CUSTODY**

| 17. Relinquished By | 18. Date       | 19. Time     | 20. Received By  | 21. Date       | 22. Time     | 23. Method of Submittal  |
|---------------------|----------------|--------------|--|----------------|--------------|--|
| <b>D. Lopez</b>     | <b>6/12/13</b> | <b>18:39</b> |  | <b>6-12-13</b> | <b>18:39</b> | Field Walk In <input checked="" type="checkbox"/><br>US Mail <input type="checkbox"/><br>Fed-Ex <input type="checkbox"/><br>Other <input type="checkbox"/> |
| II.                 |                |              |  |                |              |  |
| III.                |                |              |  |                |              |  |

**LABORATORY INFORMATION**

|                         |          |          |  |
|-------------------------|----------|----------|--|
| 24. Name and Signature: | 25. Date | 26. Time | 27. Comments:<br><b>Please email results to<br/>dragos.balota@cardno.com</b> |
| 24a. Analyzed By:       |          |          |  |
| 24b. Analyzed By:       |          |          |  |
| 24c. QC By:             |          |          |  |

## APPENDIX B

### PCB ANALYTICAL RESULTS

**CLIENT:** Cardno ATC  
 104 E. 25 St. 10th fl.  
 New York, NY 10011

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**PROJECT NO.** 38635

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 X180  
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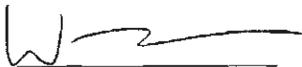
**ANALYTICAL REPORT**

**PCB WIPE**  
**GC/ECD (EPA METHOD 8082)**

COMPOSITED SAMPLE ID: **01**  
 MATRIX: SURFACE WIPE  
 SAMPLE LOCATION: **Blank**

BATCH NO. **C2764-1**

| TYPE OF PCB | CAS NO.    | RESULT (ug) | MINIMUM DETECTION LIMIT (ug) |
|-------------|------------|-------------|------------------------------|
| 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                            |

  
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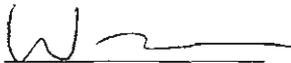
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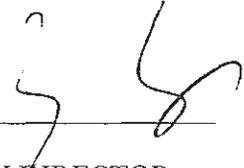
**PCB WIPE**  
 GC/ECD (EPA METHOD 8082)

COMPOSITED SAMPLE ID: 02  
 MATRIX: SURFACE WIPE  
 SAMPLE LOCATION: Room 217 (Desk)

BATCH NO. C2764-2

| TYPE OF PCB | CAS NO.    | RESULT (ug/cm <sup>2</sup> ) | MINIMUM DETECTION LIMIT (ug/cm <sup>2</sup> ) |
|-------------|------------|------------------------------|---|
| 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  |
| PCB 1242    | 53469-21-9 | <0.03                        | 0.03  |
| PCB 1248    | 12672-29-6 | <0.03                        | 0.03  |
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**PCB WIPE**  
**GC/ECD (EPA METHOD 8082)**

COMPOSITED SAMPLE ID: 03  
 MATRIX: SURFACE WIPE  
 SAMPLE LOCATION: Room 217 (Floor 12x12, Off White)

BATCH NO. C2764-3

| TYPE OF PCB | CAS NO.    | RESULT (ug/cm <sup>2</sup> ) | MINIMUM DETECTION LIMIT (ug/cm <sup>2</sup> ) |
|-------------|------------|------------------------------|---|
| 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  |
| PCB 1242    | 53469-21-9 | <0.03                        | 0.03  |
| PCB 1248    | 12672-29-6 | <0.03                        | 0.03  |
| PCB 1254    | 11097-69-1 | <0.03                        | 0.03  |
| PCB 1260    | 11096-82-5 | <0.03                        | 0.03  |

  
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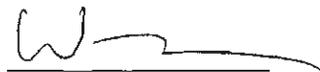
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**PCB WIPE**  
 GC/ECD (EPA METHOD 8082)

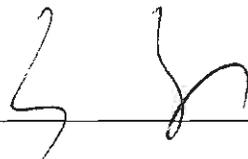
COMPOSITED SAMPLE ID: 04  
 MATRIX: SURFACE WIPE  
 SAMPLE LOCATION: Room 258 (Toilet Bowl)

BATCH NO. C2764-4

| TYPE OF PCB | CAS NO.    | RESULT (ug/cm <sup>2</sup> ) | MINIMUM DETECTION LIMIT (ug/cm <sup>2</sup> ) |
|-------------|------------|------------------------------|---|
| 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  |
| PCB 1242    | 53469-21-9 | <0.03                        | 0.03  |
| PCB 1248    | 12672-29-6 | <0.03                        | 0.03  |
| PCB 1254    | 11097-69-1 | <0.03                        | 0.03  |
| PCB 1260    | 11096-82-5 | <0.03                        | 0.03  |



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**PCB WIPE**  
**GC/ECD (EPA METHOD 8082)**

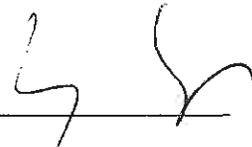
COMPOSITED SAMPLE ID: 05  
 MATRIX: SURFACE WIPE  
 SAMPLE LOCATION: Room 258 (Floor Ceramic Tile)

BATCH NO. C2764-5

| TYPE OF PCB | CAS NO.    | RESULT<br>(ug/cm <sup>2</sup> ) | MINIMUM<br>DETECTION LIMIT<br>(ug/cm <sup>2</sup> ) |
|-------------|------------|---------------------------------|---|
| 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  |
| PCB 1242    | 53469-21-9 | <0.03                           | 0.03  |
| PCB 1248    | 12672-29-6 | <0.03                           | 0.03  |
| PCB 1254    | 11097-69-1 | <0.03                           | 0.03  |
| PCB 1260    | 11096-82-5 | <0.03                           | 0.03  |



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## APPENDIX C

### LABOARTORY CERTIFICATIONS

NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
WADSWORTH CENTER



Expires 12:01 AM April 01, 2014  
Issued April 01, 2013

**CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL FOR LABORATORY SERVICE**

Issued in accordance with and pursuant to section 502 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 analytes are listed below.

**Characteristic Testing**

**TCLP**

**EPA 1311**

**Polychlorinated Biphenyls**

**PCB-1016**

**EPA 8082**

**PCB-1221**

**EPA 8082**

**PCB-1232**

**EPA 8082**

**PCB-1242**

**EPA 8082**

**PCB-1249**

**EPA 8082**

**PCB-1254**

**EPA 8082**

**PCB-1260**

**EPA 8082**

**Sample Preparation Methods**

**EPA 3550B**

**Serial No. 48693**

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**APPENDIX D**

**NYC DOE WORK ORDER REQUEST**

Facility: DSF DIVISION OF SCHOOL FACILITIES  
 Unit : X Project :  
 W/O Type: CO Priority: 04 W/O Dspln: H  
 Planner : MDELMON2 DELMONICO  
 W/O Title : 75/11X180/ INSPECT / REMOVE FAILED T  
 W/O Task Title: 77/11X180/ ABATE WIRES FROM FIXTURE  
 Written To : I.S. 180 - BRONX  
 Task Dspln : Completed By:

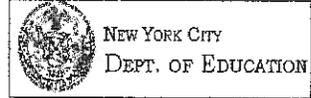


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**Work Order Package**

00503325 03

Rpt : TIPMC11  
Date: 06/12/2013



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**Work Order Task Written To**

|   |                          |                   |
|---|--------------------------|-------------------|
| Facility : DSF  | Unit : X                 | Op Sys : GEO-11   |
| Division : ABLDG X180   | Area : ISC1              | Sys/Cls: X180     |
| Equipment : ABLDG X180  | Component:               |                   |
| Work Item :   | Eqt. List:               | Ops Review Req: N |
| Equip. Tag:   | Alt:                     |                   |
| UTC :   | Tbl/Brkdwn: (Past 12 mo) |                   |
| Catalog ID:   | Job Type : EA UCR: LB13  |                   |
| Client/Act: KROB2576  | KENNETH ROBARE           |                   |
| Location : X05 14100150 000003 700 BAYCHESTER AV, BRONX, NY 10475 |                          |                   |
| Cost-Centr: G839  | Activity :               | User Def: -       |
| Percentage: 100.000   | Acct No. : GL            |                   |

**Work Order Task Instructions**

ABATE WIRES FROM FIXTURE WITH FAILED BALLAST - ODER / CONFINED LEAK  
 LOC: ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL OFF 217- 1 - T-12 SMOKED. BATHROOM 258- 1- T-12  
 LEAK CONTAINED INSIDE COVER.  
 Custodian THOMAS CAPUTO 718-379-5599  
 BERNIE ASSIGN W/O TO JC/ERT WIRE ABATEMENT 06/12/13.

**Completion Comments on Work Performed**

Completion Comments Required : N

Comments:

Comments:

Comments:

Continued on Additional Sheets? : \_\_\_\_\_