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Re: <u>IAQ and Mold Assessment Report</u>

Prince George's County Public Schools

Accokeek Academy

Dear Mr. Baylor,

Windjammer Environmental LLC (Windjammer) was contracted to conduct a visual assessment, measure indoor air quality (IAQ) parameters and sample for mold in a limited number of areas at the Accokeek Academy located at 14400 Berry Road, Accokeek, MD 20607. This assessment is intended to check on effectiveness of operations activities that are focused on preventing conditions that can lead to the development of an environment which is historically associated with an increase in reports of poor IAQ. This assessment was conducted by Certified Industrial Hygienists (CIHs) Damien Hammond and Katherine Dietrich on May 31, 2019.

This assessment included:

- Measurement of temperature, relative humidity, carbon dioxide (CO₂) and carbon monoxide (CO)
- Collection of nonviable airborne mold samples; and
- Visual assessment of select areas.

Methods

A TSI IAQ-Calc Model 7545 was used to measure temperature, relative humidity, carbon dioxide (CO₂) and carbon monoxide (CO).

Air samples for non-viable airborne fungi were collected on Air-O-Cell cassettes using a Zefon Bio-Pump Plus portable sampler calibrated to collect 15 liters of air per minute (lpm). The sampling period for the all samples was five minutes.

Direct read instrumentation used were calibrated in accordance with the manufacturer's specifications prior to the start of this assessment.

All samples collected were hand delivered to EMSL of Beltsville, MD and analyzed by EMSL of Carle Place, NY. EMSL is accredited by the American Industrial Hygiene Association (AIHA) for microbial analysis and participates in the Environmental Microbiology Laboratory Accreditation Program (EMLAP).

Guidance

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration's (OSHA) Permissible Exposure Limits (PELs) are the only enforceable regulatory standards for indoor air quality. However, other organizations such as the American Society of Heating Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE) and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) have developed widely accepted consensus standards that can be used to assess the suitability of indoor air quality.

ASHRAE Standards

62.1-2013 and 55-2013 are consensus standards that outline acceptable practices for the design of ventilation systems in commercial and residential structures. Both documents were developed "to specify minimum ventilation rates and indoor air quality that will be acceptable to human occupants and are intended to minimize the potential for adverse health effects." The standards also consider chemical, physical, and biological contaminants and other factors that impact indoor air quality and affect occupant health and comfort.

ASHRAE 55-2013 recommends temperature and relative humidity ranges that are considered suitable for indoor air quality. Recommended ranges are as follows:

- Temperature be maintained between 67 and 82 degrees Fahrenheit (°F)
- Relative humidity to be maintained below 65%

Carbon Dioxide

 CO_2 is widely used as a surrogate gas in the assessment of indoor air quality. It is a byproduct of respiration and can be used to determine the effectiveness and/or management of building ventilation systems. Based on ASHRAE recommendations, indoor CO_2 concentrations that are below 1000 parts per million (ppm) or have a differential of less than 700 ppm compared to outside concentrations are considered to be suitable.

For example, if outside CO₂ concentrations are measured at 380 ppm, then indoor CO₂ concentrations measured up to 1080 ppm would be considered suitable.

Carbon Monoxide

OSHA has established a PEL for CO of 35 ppm over a time weighted average (TWA) of 8 hours and a ceiling CO exposure limit of 200 ppm in a five-minute period. ASHARE has adopted the EPA National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) for CO of 9 ppm when evaluating indoor air quality. In nonindustrial settings, the NAAQS standard is commonly used to assess the suitability of IAQ.

Nonviable Airborne Fungi (Mold)

There are no set regulatory limits established for acceptable airborne fungi levels. However, indoor levels within schools and offices are generally lower than outdoor levels. The distribution of airborne species of fungi found in indoor air is expected to be similar in proportion to outside distributions. The type and concentrations of the airborne microorganisms can be used to determine if there is a potential hazard to occupants which requires action.

Findings

Indoor Air Quality

Indoor air quality measurements collected were satisfactory with respect to temperature, relative humidity, carbon dioxide (CO₂), and carbon monoxide (CO). Recorded indoor air quality results are summarized in the following Table.

Table 1 Indoor Air Quality Measurement Summary										
(Measurements Recorded on May 31, 2019) Measurement Temperature Relative CO ₂ CO										
Measurement	MeasurementTemperatureRelativeCO2Location(°F)Humidity (%)(ppm)									
	• • •			(ppm)						
Multipurpose	75.2	54.6	787	0.0						
Classroom 506	75.0	51.1	665	0.0						
Media Center	75.7	55.4	1046	0.0						
Classroom 304	75.5	50.7	542	0.0						
Classroom 422	73.3	55.4	723	0.0						
Classroom 547	74.5	52.9	1137	0.0						
Classroom 603	75.5	57.0	874	0.0						
Classroom 725	75.3	50.3	753	0.0						
Classroom B209	74.6	56.9	489	0.0						
Classroom B207	73.7	59.0	681	0.0						
Multipurpose B112	74.5	61.0	551	0.0						
Classroom B143	73.8	62.3	608	0.0						
Outside	81.3	54.4	438	0.0						
Gymnasium	72.8	63.6	632	0.0						

ppm – parts per million

Non-viable Airborne Fungi Sampling

Measured total indoor airborne fungi concentrations were determined have a normal ecology and with indoor airborne fungi concentrations lower than measured total outdoor fungi concentrations at this time. A complete laboratory analysis report is available for viewing in Attachment A.

Visual Assessment

A walk-through of the hallways and a limited number of classrooms and public areas was carried out. No bathrooms, staff offices, mechanical rooms, kitchen areas or storage areas were visited. The school was in session at the time of the inspection.

Except as noted, the school was free of evidence of current water intrusion, unexpected odors and the floors, walls and ceiling tiles observed were in acceptable condition. The housekeeping was acceptable.

The following areas for further investigation or improvement were noted:

- Classroom B209 musty odor.
- Classroom B143 stained ceiling tile (less than 1 ft²)
- Classroom B207 stained ceiling tile (less than 1 ft²)

Conclusions & Recommendations

Indoor air quality spore trap measurements collected in all areas assessed were less than the levels measured outside the building and with the same predominate spore types found. This is an indication that the spores sampled in the rooms assessed are more likely to be originating in the outdoor environment rather than an interior source - reducing the chance of undetected overgrowth or colonization in the building. While there are no standards for airborne levels of mold, this approach of comparing indoor to outdoor, and looking at the species found, is one tool identified by organizations such as the American Industrial Hygiene Association when identifying assessment methods and improvement measurement in indoor air quality. Please note the following considerations for improvement.

- Identify the cause of any staining on ceiling tiles and fix
- The spore trap sample indicates that the odor noted in classroom B209 may originate from a non-microbial source. If still present, try to identify the cause and fix if necessary.

At this time, no other recommendations are provided.

Windjammer appreciates the opportunity to provide this indoor air quality assessment. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact us at (888) 270 - 8387.

Best regards,

Damien Hammond Sr, MS, CSP, CIH

President

Katherine (Kay) Dietrich, CIH, CSP Certified Industrial Hygienist

Attachment A: Microbial Laboratory Report (Air)

Attachment A



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Test Report: Air-O-Cell(™) Analysis of Fungal Spores & Particulates by Optical Microscopy (Methods MICRO-SOP-201, ASTM D7391)

Lab Sample Number:		061910917-0002			061910917-0003						
Client Sample ID:	190531-1A				190531-2A			190531-3A			
Volume (L):	75 Multipurpose Rm			75 Classroom 506			75 Media Center				
Sample Location											
Spore Types	Raw Count	Count/m³	% of Total	Raw Count	Count/m³	% of Total	Raw Count	Count/m³	% of Total		
Alternaria (Ulocladium)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Ascospores	3	100	7.9	1	40	4.2	-	-	-		
Aspergillus/Penicillium	2	90	7.1	1	40	4.2	1	40	11.8		
Basidiospores	23	1000	78.7	20	870	91.6	7	300	88.2		
Bipolaris++	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Chaetomium	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Cladosporium	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Curvularia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Epicoccum	1	40	3.1	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Fusarium	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Ganoderma	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Myxomycetes++	1	40	3.1	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Pithomyces++	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Rust	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Scopulariopsis/Microascus	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Stachybotrys/Memnoniella	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Unidentifiable Spores	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Zygomycetes	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Torula-like	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Total Fungi	30	1270	100	22	950	100	8	340	100		
Hyphal Fragment	1	40	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Insect Fragment	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Pollen	1	40	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Analyt. Sensitivity 600x	-	44	-	-	44	-	-	44	-		
Analyt. Sensitivity 300x	-	13*	-	-	13*	-	-	13*	-		
Skin Fragments (1-4)	-	2	-	-	1	-	-	1	-		
Fibrous Particulate (1-4)	-	2	-	-	1	-	-	1	-		
Background (1-5)	-	2	-	-	1	-	-	1	-		

++ Includes other spores with similar morphology; see EMSL's fungal glossary for each specific category.

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Jeffrey Lau, Microbiology Laboratory Manager or other approved signatory

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Lab Sample Number: Client Sample ID: Volume (L): Sample Location	061910917-0004 190531-4A 75 Classroom 304			061910917-0005 190531-5A 75 Classroom 422			061910917-0006 190531-6A 75 Classroom 547		
Spore Types	Raw Count	Count/m³	% of Total	Raw Count	Count/m³	% of Total	Raw Count	Count/m³	% of Total
Alternaria (Ulocladium)	-	-	<u> </u>	-	-	<u> </u>	-	-	-
Ascospores	3	100	4.2	2	90	6.3	1	40	6.5
Aspergillus/Penicillium	2	90	3.8	2	90	6.3	1	40	6.5
Basidiospores	43	1900	79.5	27	1200	84.5	11	480	77.4
Bipolaris++	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Chaetomium	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cladosporium	8	300	12.6	1	40	2.8	1	40	6.5
Curvularia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Epicoccum	-	-	-	-	-	-	1*	10*	1.6
Fusarium	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ganoderma	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Myxomycetes++	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pithomyces++	-	-	-	-	-	-	1*	10*	1.6
Rust	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Scopulariopsis/Microascus	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Stachybotrys/Memnoniella	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Unidentifiable Spores	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Zygomycetes	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Torula-like	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Fungi	56	2390	100	32	1420	100	16	620	100
Hyphal Fragment	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	40	-
Insect Fragment	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pollen	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Analyt. Sensitivity 600x	-	44	-	-	44	-	-	44	-
Analyt. Sensitivity 300x	-	13*	-	-	13*	-	-	13*	-
Skin Fragments (1-4)	-	1	-	-	2	-	-	2	-
Fibrous Particulate (1-4)	-	1	-	-	2	-	-	2	-
Background (1-5)	-	1	-	-	2	-	-	2	-

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Lab Sample Number: Client Sample ID: Volume (L): Sample Location	061910917-0007 190531-7A 75 Classroom 603			Tarticulates by	061910917-0008 190531-8A 75 Classroom 725			061910917-0009 190531-9A 75 Classroom B209			
Spore Types	Raw Count	Count/m³	% of Total	Raw Count	Count/m³	% of Total	Raw Count	Count/m³	% of Total		
Alternaria (Ulocladium)	1*	10*	1.8	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Ascospores	4	200	35.7	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Aspergillus/Penicillium	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Basidiospores	7	300	53.6	16	700	94.6	8	300	100		
Bipolaris++	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Chaetomium	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Cladosporium	1	40	7.1	1	40	5.4	-	-	-		
Curvularia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Epicoccum	1*	10*	1.8	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Fusarium	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Ganoderma	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Myxomycetes++	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Pithomyces++	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Rust	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Scopulariopsis/Microascus	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Stachybotrys/Memnoniella	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Unidentifiable Spores	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Zygomycetes	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Torula-like	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Total Fungi	14	560	100	17	740	100	8	300	100		
Hyphal Fragment	1*	10*	-	-	-	-	1	40	-		
Insect Fragment	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Pollen	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Analyt. Sensitivity 600x	-	44	-	-	44	-	-	44	-		
Analyt. Sensitivity 300x	-	13*	-	-	13*	-	-	13*	-		
Skin Fragments (1-4)	-	2	-	-	2	-	-	1	-		
Fibrous Particulate (1-4)	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	1	-		
Background (1-5)	-	2	-	-	2	-	-	1	-		

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Lab Sample Number: Client Sample ID: Volume (L): Sample Location	061910917-0010 190531-10A 75 Classroom B207			061910917-0011 190531-11A 75 Room B112			061910917-0012 190531-12A 75 Classroom B143		
Spore Types	Raw Count	Count/m³	% of Total	Raw Count	Count/m³	% of Total	Raw Count	Count/m³	% of Total
Alternaria (Ulocladium)	-	-	<u> </u>	-	-	-	-	- '	-
Ascospores	1	40	3.6	19	830	17.9	-	-	-
Aspergillus/Penicillium	3	100	9	-	-	-	-	-	-
Basidiospores	20	870	78.4	85	3700	79.7	9	400	90.9
Bipolaris++	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Chaetomium	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cladosporium	3	100	9	3	100	2.2	1	40	9.1
Curvularia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Epicoccum	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fusarium	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ganoderma	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Myxomycetes++	-	-	-	1*	10*	0.2	-	-	-
Pithomyces++	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rust	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Scopulariopsis/Microascus	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Stachybotrys/Memnoniella	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Unidentifiable Spores	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Zygomycetes	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Torula-like	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Fungi	27	1110	100	108	4640	100	10	440	100
Hyphal Fragment	3*	40*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Insect Fragment	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pollen	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Analyt. Sensitivity 600x	-	44	-	-	44	-	-	44	-
Analyt. Sensitivity 300x	-	13*	-	-	13*	-	-	13*	-
Skin Fragments (1-4)	-	2	-	-	2	-	-	1	-
Fibrous Particulate (1-4)	-	2	-	-	1	-	-	1	-
Background (1-5)	-	2	-	-	2	-	-	1	-

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Lab Sample Number: Client Sample ID: Volume (L): Sample Location		061910917-0013 190531-13A 75 Outside	3		061910917-0014 190531-14A 75 Gym	1			
Spore Types	Raw Count	Count/m³	% of Total	Raw Count	Count/m³	% of Total	-	-	-
Alternaria (Ulocladium)	-	-	<u>'</u>	- '	-	· -	-		_
Ascospores	95	4100	26.4	-	-	-	-		
Aspergillus/Penicillium	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Basidiospores	255	11100	71.5	19	830	92.2	-		
Bipolaris++	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Chaetomium	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Cladosporium	5	200	1.3	1	40	4.4	-		
Curvularia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Epicoccum	1	40	0.3	2*	30*	3.3	-		
Fusarium	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Ganoderma	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Myxomycetes++	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Pithomyces++	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Rust	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Scopulariopsis/Microascus	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Stachybotrys/Memnoniella	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Unidentifiable Spores	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Zygomycetes	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Torula-like	2	90	0.6	-	-	-	-		
Total Fungi	358	15530	100	22	900	100	-		
Hyphal Fragment	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Insect Fragment	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Pollen	1	40	-	-	-	-	-		-
Analyt. Sensitivity 600x	-	44	-	-	44	-	_	-	-
Analyt. Sensitivity 300x	-	13*	-	-	13*	-	-		
Skin Fragments (1-4)	-	1	-	-	2	-	-		
Fibrous Particulate (1-4)	-	1	-	-	1	-	-		
Background (1-5)	-	1	-	-	2	-	-		

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High levels of background particulate can obscure spores and other particulates leading to underestimation. Background levels of 5 indicate an overloading of background particulates, prohibiting accurate detection and quantification. Present = Spores detected on overloaded samples. Results are not blank corrected unless otherwise noted. The detection limit is equal to one fungal spore, structure, pollen, fiber particle or insect fragment. ""

Denotes particles found at 300X. "." Denotes not detected. Due to method stopping rules, raw counts in excess of 100 are extrapolated based on the percentage analyzed. EMSL maintains liability limited to cost of analysis. This report relates only to the samples reported above and may not be reproduced, except in full, without written approval by EMSL. EMSL bears no responsibility for sample collection activities or analytical method limitations.

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