

February 20, 2024

APEX Project Number: ONSK24-015

On Side Restoration

755 Laval Crescent
Kamloops, BC

Attention: Tim Hedrick

Mould Air Sampling Results Letter

Project Address: 1501 Voght Street, Merritt, BC
Client Reference: Merritt Central Elementary School

Introduction

Apex EHS Services Inc. (Apex) was retained by On Side Restoration to conduct mould air sampling at Merritt Central Elementary School located at 1501 Voght Street, Merritt, BC.

Scope of Work

Apex's scope of work included the following:

- Collection and analysis of 11 mould air samples including 8 samples within the building, two outdoor reference samples and one field blank for quality control purposes; and
- Preparation of this letter.

Methodology

The air samples were collected by Becky Mizzi, *Hazardous Material Technician* of Apex on February 19, 2024. Photographs of sampling locations are appended to the end of this report.

The assessor collected spore trap air samples using Allergenco-D impactor cassettes using a constant flow Bio-pump. The assessor calibrated the pump before and after each sample. Samples were analyzed in accordance with ASTM Method D7391-17 by Optical Microscopy and Apex SOP: MLD-1.

Mould Air Sampling Results

The results of air sampling for mould require careful interpretation. There are no accepted numerical criteria for indoor fungal spore concentrations. The accepted practice among leading authorities is comparison of samples in areas of concern with outdoor and/or indoor control samples. An acceptable condition is indicated when concentrations of airborne fungal particles are not significantly elevated when compared to concentrations in the control samples, and the types of fungal particulate do not differ significantly from those present in the control samples.

Mould air samples collected within the South End of the North Hallway and within the West Hallway of the school were quantitatively lower and qualitatively similar to outdoor reference samples.

Fungal elements were not identified on air samples collected within the North End of the North Hallway, Classroom 17, Classroom 21, Classroom 22, and East Hallway.

Sample results indicate that mould growth was not impacting on air quality at the time of sampling.

Laboratory analytical results are attached to this report.

Closure

This project was limited to mould air sampling only. No inspection of the building was conducted at the time of sampling.

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Attached:

Photographs of Sampling Locations
Mould Air Sampling Laboratory Results
Terms of Reference



Mould air sample collected within the North End of the North Hallway.



Mould air sample collected within the South End of the North Hallway.



Mould air sample collected within Classroom 17.



Mould air sample collected within Classroom 18.



Mould air sample collected within Classroom 21.



Mould air sample collected within Classroom 22.



Mould air sample collected within the West Hallway.



Mould air sample collected within the East Hallway.

FUNGAL SPORE ANALYSIS REPORT

Client:	On Side Restoration Services	Apex Report No.:	ONSK24-015
Project Location:	1501 Voght Street, Merritt, BC	Client Project No.:	23-10-388331
Samples Received:	11	Client Project Name:	Merritt Central Elementary School - Crawl Space - Mechanical
Samples Analyzed:	11	Date Reported:	20/02/2024

Spore Trap Sample Lab Number ^a :	MS3030	MS3031	MS3032	MS3033	MS3034	MS3035	MS3036
Client Number:	ST01	ST02	ST03	ST04	ST05	ST06	ST07
Location:	Field Blank	Outdoor Reference 1	Outdoor Reference 2	North End North Hallway	South End North Hallway	Classroom 17	Classroom 18
Serial Number:	5758459	5758625	5758616	5758487	5758449	5758508	5758552
Expiry Date:	11/2024	11/2024	11/2024	11/2024	11/2024	11/2024	11/2024
Volume (L):	0	150	150	150	150	150	150
Magnification (x):	600	600	600	600	600	600	600
Background Rating ^b :	0+	3+	3+	1+	1+	1+	1+
# of Traverses Counted:	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Fungal Identification	(Raw Count) Elements/m ³						
<i>Aspergillus/Penicillium - type</i>	(-) -	(-) -	(3) 93	(-) -	(-) -	(-) -	(-) -
<i>basidiospores (undifferentiated)</i>	(-) -	(-) -	(-) -	(-) -	(1) 31	(-) -	(-) -
<i>Cladosporium</i>	(-) -	(2) 62	(5) 155	(-) -	(-) -	(-) -	(-) -
<i>hyphal fragments</i>	(-) -	(-) -	(1) 31	(-) -	(Tra) -	(-) -	(-) -
Summary							
Total (Raw Count)	None Detected	2	9	None Detected	1	None Detected	None Detected
LOD ^c (elements/m ³)	N/A	31	31	31	31	31	31
Total (elements/m ³)	N/A	62	279	N/A	31	N/A	N/A

^a Samples analyzed in accordance with EPA Method D7931-17 by Optical Microscopy and Apex SOP: MLD-1.
^b Background Rating of particulate matter: 0+ = no particulate matter, 1+ = >0 to approx. 5%, 2+ = approx. 5% to 25%, 3+ = approx 25% to 75%, 4+ = approx. 75% to 90%, 5+ = > 90%. Note that negative bias increases as particulate background rating increases.
^c LOD = Limit of Detection.
 American Industrial Hygiene Association (AIHA) EMPAT Program Laboratory Number 224210.
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Spore Trap Sample Lab Number ^a :	MS3037	MS3038	MS3039	MS3040		
Client Number:	ST08	ST09	ST10	ST11		
Location:	Classroom 21	Classroom 22	West Hallway	East Hallway		
Serial Number:	5758562	5758702	5758457	5758526		
Expiry Date:	11/2024	11/2024	11/2024	11/2024		
Volume (L):	150	150	150	150		
Magnification (x):	600	600	600	600		
Background Rating ^b :	1+	1+	1+	1+		
# of Traverses Counted:	10	10	10	10		
Fungal Identification	(Raw Count) Elements/m³					
<i>basidiospores (undifferentiated)</i>	(-) -	(-) -	(3) 93	(-) -		
Summary						
Total (Raw Count)	None Detected	None Detected	3	None Detected		
LOD ^c (elements/m ³)	31	31	31	31		
Total (elements/m ³)	N/A	N/A	93	N/A		

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