

**SPORE SAMPLING REPORT  
FOR  
GLENWOOD MIDDLE SCHOOL  
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MARCH 22, 2016**

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Aria Environmental, Inc. (AE) was contracted by Howard County Public School System to perform spore trap sampling at the Glenwood Middle School at the end of August 2015 due to air quality concerns expressed by staff and parents and to monitor the school after a heating, ventilation and air-conditioning (HVAC) system upgrade performed in summer, 2015. AE made measurements for temperature, humidity, carbon monoxide and carbon dioxide and collected microbial spore trap sampling for fungal spore identification and counting on March 22, 2016 as part of a series of spore sampling events that will occur regularly during the 2015 - 2016 school year. This report presents the results of air sampling made on March 22, 2016.

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**I. BACKGROUND**

Representatives from Aria Environmental, Inc. (AE) visited Glenwood Middle School on March 22, 2016 to perform air monitoring in response to an ongoing indoor air quality complaint at the school. Measurements for temperature, humidity, carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide and particulate matter and microbial spore trap sampling were collected from classrooms 8, 11, 15, 18, 25, 26, Music Room 37, Art Room 38 and portable classrooms 70 and 71. Outdoor air samples were also collected for comparison purposes in one courtyard and outside near portable classroom 70. This monitoring was performed in response to employee and parental complaints and as a follow up to HVAC improvements.

There was no visible evidence of mold growth nor observed odors consistent with mildew in the classrooms sampled. Weather on the day of monitoring was sunny and cool.

**II. OBSERVATIONS AND MEASUREMENTS**

**A. Observations and Measurements on March 22, 2016**

Industry guidelines or standards for seasonal temperature and humidity ranges for thermal comfort are established by the American Society for Heating, Refrigerating and Air Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE) standard 55-2013. These ranges are presented in Table 1. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) recommends maintaining indoor relative humidity below 60% and ideally between 30 and 50%. The room air temperature measured between 3:43 PM and 4:58 PM ranged from 66.7 to 74.5° F with an average of 72.0° F. The indoor relative humidity ranged from 20.0 to 30.5 percent. The temperature measurements were mostly acceptable compared to the comfort ranges, but all of the relative humidity measurements were below the winter thermal comfort ranges. Low humidity is expected in buildings that do not add humidity during the heating season. The comfort ranges are only set for the Summer and Winter seasons when temperatures are usually consistent. There are no Fall or Spring ranges because these seasons can include both heating and cooling modes of HVAC operation. The outside temperature at 4:45 PM was 63.6° F and the outdoor relative humidity was 24.4% outside near Portable Classroom 70, and the outside temperature at 4:51 PM was 59.0° F and the relative humidity was 24.5% in the outdoor courtyard. No windows or doors were observed to be open during the monitoring period. Results of temperature, relative humidity, carbon dioxide and carbon monoxide monitoring are presented in Table 2.

**Table 1- Acceptable Ranges of Temperature and  
Relative Humidity in Summer and Winter<sup>a</sup>**

<b>Relative Humidity</b>	<b>Winter Temperature</b>	<b>Summer Temperature</b>
30%	68.5°F – 76.0°F	74.0°F – 80.0°F
40%	68.5°F - 75.5°F	73.5°F – 79.5°F
50%	68.5°F - 74.5°F	73.0°F – 79.0°F
60%	68.0°F - 74.0°F	72.5°F – 78.0°F

<sup>a</sup>adapted from ASHRAE Standard 55-2013

Carbon dioxide and carbon monoxide measurements are used to assess ventilation system performance. The exhaled breath of building occupants is the main indoor source of carbon dioxide; therefore, the build-up of carbon dioxide indicates inadequate ventilation. Air monitoring was performed after school with the rooms unoccupied during sampling. Carbon dioxide concentrations ranged from 416 to 655 ppm indoors. The concentration of concern for

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carbon dioxide is set by ASHRAE standard 62.1–2013 as 700 ppm above outdoor air. On the day of monitoring, the outdoor air concentration of carbon dioxide ranged from 372 to 374 ppm. Carbon dioxide concentrations were within the comfort parameters established by ASHRAE in all areas monitored.

Carbon monoxide is mainly attributed to incomplete combustion. Concentrations of CO were consistently 0.0 ppm both indoors and outdoors with one exception where the concentration was 0.1 ppm. CO concentrations were below the ASHRAE concentration of concern of 9 ppm.

Particulate matter or PM is the term for a mixture of solid particles and liquid droplets found in the air. It does not distinguish between the types of particles in the air (e.g., pollen, skin cells, mold spores, soil, etc.). Particulate matter includes "inhalable coarse particles," with diameters larger than 2.5 micrometers and smaller than 10 micrometers (PM 10) and "fine particles," with diameters that are 2.5 micrometers and smaller (PM 2.5). Particle loads expected to be a part of the school environment include carpet and clothing fiber, soil tracked from outside, paper dust, chalk dust, and dust and fibers from building materials. ASHRAE Standard 62.1–2013 suggests target indoor concentrations for PM 2.5 and PM 10 of 15  $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$  and 50  $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ , respectively. These concentrations are taken from the EPA's National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) based on annual arithmetic means deemed acceptable for outdoor air quality. Occupational standards and guidelines for particles are nearly an order of magnitude higher than concentrations typically found in non-occupational settings and are not appropriate for comparison.

Particle measurements were taken with an Aerocet 531 particulate monitor. The particle monitor takes a two minute averaged sample of particle concentrations in 5 size fractions (PM 1, PM 2.5, PM 7, PM 10 and total suspended particles (TSP)). Results of particulate monitoring, presented in Table 2, revealed that PM 2.5 and PM 10 particle concentrations were well below the ASHRAE target concentrations in all areas monitored.

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**Table 2: Particle, Temperature, Relative Humidity, Carbon Dioxide and Carbon Monoxide  
Measurements Collected on March 22, 2016 at Glenwood Middle School**

Location	Time	PM1 ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ )	PM2.5 ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ )	PM7 ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ )	PM10 ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ )	TSP ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ )	Temp (°F)	Rh (%)	CO (ppm)	CO <sub>2</sub> (ppm)
CR 08	3:43 PM	0	0	1	1	1	74.5	<b>20.8</b>	0.0	440
CR 11	3:46 PM	0	0	0	0	1	72.7	<b>22.1</b>	0.1	468
CR 15	4:00 PM	0	0	1	1	1	71.0	<b>21.9</b>	0.0	432
CR 18	4:02 PM	0	0	0	1	1	71.2	<b>22.4</b>	0.0	421
CR 25	4:13 PM	0	0	0	0	2	71.7	<b>22.3</b>	0.0	416
CR 26	4:16 PM	0	0	0	0	1	71.8	<b>22.1</b>	0.0	429
CR 37	4:26 PM	0	0	4	5	7	72.6	<b>20.0</b>	0.0	474
CR 38	4:30 PM	0	1	5	6	9	71.7	<b>21.3</b>	0.0	484
PCR 70	4:43 PM	0	0	1	1	6	71.4	<b>27.0</b>	0.0	655
PCR 71	4:58 PM	0	0	3	5	6	<b>66.7</b>	30.5	0.0	635
Out 1	4:45 PM	0	0	1	1	6	63.6	24.4	0.0	374
Out 2 CY	4:51 PM	0	0	3	3	5	59.0	24.5	0.0	372

CR = Classroom; PCR = Portable Classroom; CY = Courtyard; Bold type indicates measurements outside of guidelines

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**B. Air Monitoring for Fungal Identification and Counting on March 22, 2016**

In the absence of visual sources of mold amplification and growth in the classrooms, non-viable spore trap samples were collected from eight classrooms within the main school building (Classrooms 8, 11, 15, 18, 25, 26, Music Room 37, Art Room 38) and two portable classrooms (70 and 71) and two outdoor locations to determine whether there was a difference between mold spore loads inside the building versus outside.

The spore trap samples were collected using AllergenCo-D cassettes attached to a Buck BioAire™ sampling pump calibrated to 15 liter per minute (LPM) air flow. The samples were collected for a period of ten minutes, the time period recommended for spore trap sampling in a clean indoor environment. The spore trap samples were submitted to Aerobiology Laboratory for analysis. The sample results are reported as the spores per cubic meter of air (spores per m<sup>3</sup>) of hyphal fragments and total fungal spores. Depending upon the morphology of the spores, they were counted by their unique genus or were grouped into spores exhibiting common characteristics (e.g., *Penicillium*/*Aspergillus* group). Tables 3 and 4 present the results of the spore trap samples collected at Glenwood Middle School on March 22, 2016.

Indoor spore counts ranged from 13 to 1,867 total spores per cubic meter of air (m<sup>3</sup>) in the main school building and ranged from 173 to 667 in the portable classrooms on March 22, 2016. All indoor samples had total spore counts lower than the outdoor samples which ranged from 2,173 to 2,220 spores per m<sup>3</sup>. All individual spore types detected indoors had counts lower than the outdoor sample counts with the following exceptions: *Pithomyces* in Portable Classroom 71 (420 spores/m<sup>3</sup>) and *Penicillium*/*Aspergillus* in Classroom 26 (53 spores/m<sup>3</sup>) and Portable Classroom 70 (60 spores/m<sup>3</sup>). These spore counts were above the range of spores detected in the outdoor samples; however, the counts were generally considered low and not problematic. *Pithomyces* mostly grows on dead leaves and rarely grows indoors. Windows were not open during sampling but the door to PCR 71 had been opened a few times by a custodian prior to sampling.

The secondary colonizers *Chaetomium* and *Stachybotrys* were not detected in any samples. Hyphal elements were detected in one of the ten indoor samples at 13 elements per m<sup>3</sup> per sample. Outdoor samples had hyphal element counts ranging from 27 to 67 elements per m<sup>3</sup>. Variations in outdoor spore concentrations are a function of diurnal rhythms of spore release, weather-related factors (e.g., wind, rain, snow cover, temperature), and physical spatial factors. Certificates of analysis are included as Attachment B.

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**Table 3: Results of Spore Trap Sampling in Selected Classrooms in Glenwood Middle School on March 22, 2016**

Location	Outside near PCR 70	Outside in Courtyard	Room 08	Room 11	Room 15	Room 18	Room 25	Room 26	Room 37	Room 38
	(Out 1)	(Out 2)	(GM 08)	(GM 11)	(GM 15)	(GM 18)	(GM 25)	(GM 26)	(GM 37)	(GM 38)
Spore Type	Spores/ m <sup>3</sup>	Spores/ m <sup>3</sup>	Spores/ m <sup>3</sup>	Spores/ m <sup>3</sup>	Spores/ m <sup>3</sup>	Spores/ m <sup>3</sup>	Spores/ m <sup>3</sup>	Spores/ m <sup>3</sup>	Spores/ m <sup>3</sup>	Spores/ m <sup>3</sup>
<b>Alternaria</b>	13	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Ascospores</b>	80	67	-	-	-	13	-	-	-	-
<b>Basidiospores</b>	1,813	1,893	7	13	27	20	13	1,813	13	40
<b>Cladosporium</b>	180	133	7	-	7	7	-	-	-	7
<b>Epicoccum</b>	20	13	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Hyphal Elements</b>	67	27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Penicillium/Aspergillus</b>	40	40	7	-	-	-	-	<b>53</b>	13	40
<b>Pithomyces</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Unknown</b>	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Fungi</b>	2,220	2,173	20	13	33	40	13	1,867	27	87

Bold numbers represent spore concentrations above the outdoor counts. Dashes designate none detected.

**Table 4: Results of Spore Trap Sampling in Portable Classrooms  
at Glenwood Middle School on March 22, 2016**

Location	Outside near PCR 70	Outside in Courtyard	Room 70	Room 71
	(Out 1)	(Out 2)	(GM 70)	(GM 71)
Spore Type	Spores/ m <sup>3</sup>	Spores/ m <sup>3</sup>	Spores/ m <sup>3</sup>	Spores/ m <sup>3</sup>
<b>Alternaria</b>	13	-	-	-
<b>Ascospores</b>	80	67	-	-
<b>Basidiospores</b>	1,813	1,893	67	213
<b>Cladosporium</b>	180	133	47	20
<b>Epicoccum</b>	20	13	-	-
<b>Hyphal Elements</b>	67	27	-	13
<b>Penicillium/Aspergillus</b>	40	40	<b>60</b>	-
<b>Pithomyces</b>	-	-	-	<b>420</b>
<b>Unknown</b>	7	-	-	-
<b>Total Fungi</b>	2,220	2,173	173	667

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**III. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

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Thermal comfort parameters of temperature and humidity were measured. Temperature measurements were acceptable compared to comfort ranges. Relative humidity measurements were lower than the comfort ranges. Low humidity is expected during the heating season in buildings that do not add humidity. Carbon dioxide, carbon monoxide and particle measurements were within acceptable ranges for good indoor air quality in all areas monitored.

Indoor spore counts ranged from 13 to 1,867 total spores per cubic meter of air (m<sup>3</sup>) in the main school building and ranged from 173 to 667 in the portable classrooms on March 22, 2016. All indoor samples had total spore counts lower than the outdoor samples which ranged from 2,173 to 2,220 spores per m<sup>3</sup>. All individual spore types detected indoors had counts lower than the outdoor sample counts with the following exceptions: *Pithomyces* in Portable Classroom 71 (420 spores/m<sup>3</sup>) and *Penicillium/Aspergillus* in Classroom 26 (53 spores/m<sup>3</sup>) and Portable Classroom 70 (60 spores/m<sup>3</sup>). These spore counts were above the range of spores detected in the outdoor samples; however, the counts were generally considered low and not problematic. Hyphal elements were detected in one of the ten indoor samples at 13 elements/m<sup>3</sup> and were lower than the outdoor samples that ranged from 27 to 67 elements/m<sup>3</sup>. Windows were not open during sampling.

Table 5 presents a summary of spore sampling results to date in the 2015 - 2016 school year. The indoor and outdoor ranges demonstrate the variable nature of spore counts.

**Table 5 – Summary of Spore Sampling Results to Date at GMS in the 2015-2016 School Year**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Indoor Spore Count Range Spores per m<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>Outdoor Spore Count Range Spores per m<sup>3</sup></b>
August 25, 2015	1,787 to 8,807	34,001 to 37,316
August 27, 2015	400 to 747	9,433 to 10,960
September 2, 2015	1,860 to 7,960	33,294 to 37,306
September 9, 2015	1,053 to 3,173	21,890 to 31,876
September 16, 2015	447 to 3,493	17,543 to 20,287
September 24, 2015	273 to 2,480	24,680 to 25,020
September 30, 2015	1,267 to 12,767	55,396 to 69,421
October 7, 2015	213 to 14,120	49,146 to 51,759
October 14, 2015	140 to 2,700	8,807 to 10,153
October 21, 2015	307 to 2,367	11,447 to 20,560
October 27, 2015	87 to 680	8,827 to 9,427
November 4, 2015	73 to 780	26,592 to 27,484
November 11, 2015	133 to 6,427	23,808 to 28,018
November 18, 2015	40 to 673	3,080 to 3,553
November 25, 2015	53 to 333	4,827 to 5,747
December 3, 2015	100 to 4,900	5,340 to 6,207
December 9, 2015	40 to 187	10,940 to 11,087

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<b>Date</b>	<b>Indoor Spore Count Range Spores per m<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>Outdoor Spore Count Range Spores per m<sup>3</sup></b>
December 16, 2015	33 to 1,320	5,920 to 11,995
December 21, 2015	33 to 373	5,673 to 6,600
December 28, 2015	160 to 1,513	9,253 to 15,073
January 19, 2016	40 to 300	200 to 307
January 27, 2016	0 to 113	127 to 167
February 4, 2016	7 to 493	4,093 to 4,367
February 10, 2016	7 to 40	127 to 180
February 18, 2016	13 to 127	200 to 240
February 26, 2016	7 to 260	87 to 173
March 2, 2016	7 to 33	113 to 167
March 9, 2016	20 to 800	3,060 to 3,840
March 16, 2016	60 to 14,672	19,510 to 23,190
March 22, 2016	13 to 1,867	2,173 to 2,220

Spore measurements collected in classrooms were generally acceptable compared to outdoor samples with outdoor total spore counts 7 times higher on average than the indoor counts. Indoor sample total spore counts and individual spore counts were all lower than the outdoor sample counts with the exceptions described above. Follow up air sampling has been scheduled for March 30, 2016. Air sampling will be performed regularly in order to monitor changes in conditions affected by seasonal variations and the new HVAC system.

#### **IV. LIMITATIONS**

This report has been prepared for the exclusive use of the Howard County Public School System and/or their agents. This service has been performed in accordance with generally accepted environmental practices. No other warranty, expressed or implied, is made. Our conclusions and recommendations are based, in part, upon information provided to us by others and our site observations. We have not verified the completeness or accuracy of the information provided to us by others, unless otherwise noted. Our observations and recommendations are based upon conditions readily visible at the site at the time of our site visit, and upon current industry standards. Destructive sampling was not performed as part of this survey. No observations were made behind solid walls, ceilings or in pipe chases that weren't already openly visible.

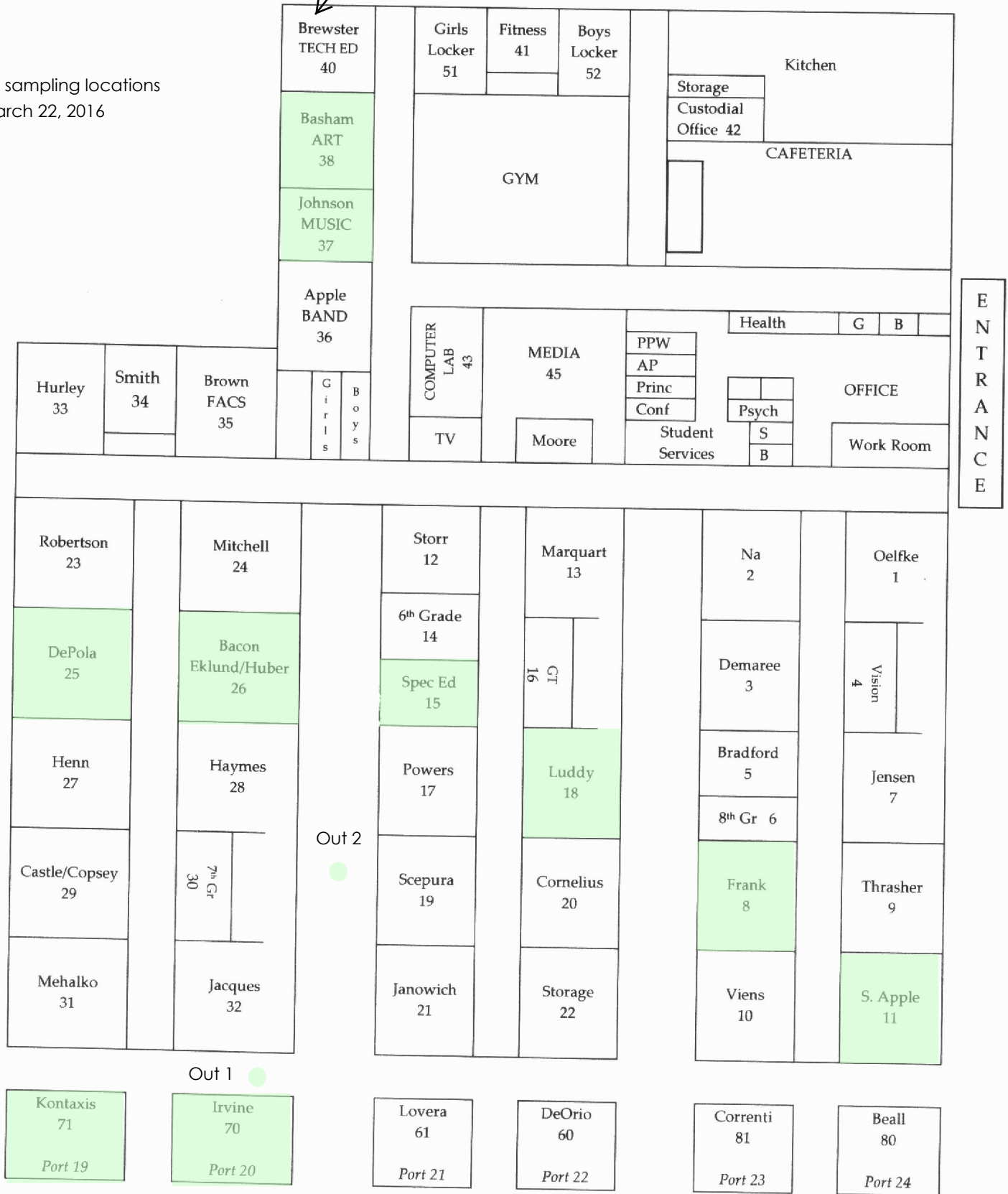
By virtue of providing the services described in this report, the preparer does not assume the responsibility of the person(s) in charge of the site, or otherwise undertake responsibility for reporting to any local, state, or federal public agencies any conditions at the site that may present a potential danger to public health, safety, or the environment. It is the Client's responsibility to notify the appropriate local, state, or federal public agencies as required by law, or otherwise to disclose, in a timely manner, any information that may be necessary to prevent any danger to public health, safety, or the environment. Under this scope of services, the preparer assumes no responsibility regarding response actions (e.g. abatement, removal, etc.) initiated as a result of these findings. Response actions are the sole responsibility of the Client and should be conducted in accordance with local, state, and/or federal requirements, and should be performed by appropriately licensed personnel as warranted.

**Attachment A:**

**Building Layout and Sample Location Plan for March 22, 2016**

TECH ED LAB and CLASSROOM (40A and 40B)

Spore sampling locations  
for March 22, 2016



Glenwood Middle School Floor Plan

As of 8/02/13



**Attachment B:**

**Report of Analysis and Chain of Custody Forms  
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Attn: Julie Barth  
Project: **J15-876 GMS Glenwood MS**  
Condition of Sample(s) Upon Receipt: Acceptable

Date Collected: 03/22/2016  
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Date Analyzed: 03/28/2016  
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Client Sample Number	<b>GM-08</b>				<b>Out 2 CY</b>			
Sample Location	<b>Classroom 8</b>				<b>Outside Courtyard</b>			
Sample Volume (L)	<b>150</b>				<b>150</b>			
Lab Sample Number	<b>16008709-001</b>				<b>16008709-012</b>			
<b>Spore Identification</b>	Raw Ct	spr/m <sup>3</sup>	% Ttl	In/Out	Raw Ct	spr/m <sup>3</sup>	% Ttl	In/Out
ascospores	-	-	-	-	10	67	3	-
basidiospores	1	7	33	1/284	71	1893	87	-
Cladosporium	1	7	33	1/20	20	133	6	-
Epicoccum	-	-	-	-	2	13	1	-
hyphal elements	-	-	-	-	4	27	1	-
Penicillium/Aspergillus group	1	7	33	1/6	6	40	2	-
	Debris Rating <b>2</b>				Debris Rating <b>3</b>			
Analytical Sensitivity	Analytical Sensitivity: <b>7 spr/m<sup>3</sup></b>				Analytical Sensitivity: <b>7 spr/m<sup>3</sup></b>			
Comments								
Total *See Footnotes	3	20	~100%	1/109	113	2173	~100%	-

Client Sample Number	<b>GM-11</b>				<b>Out 2 CY</b>			
Sample Location	<b>Classroom 11</b>				<b>Outside Courtyard</b>			
Sample Volume (L)	<b>150</b>				<b>150</b>			
Lab Sample Number	<b>16008709-002</b>				<b>16008709-012</b>			
<b>Spore Identification</b>	Raw Ct	spr/m <sup>3</sup>	% Ttl	In/Out	Raw Ct	spr/m <sup>3</sup>	% Ttl	In/Out
ascospores	-	-	-	-	10	67	3	-
basidiospores	2	13	100	1/142	71	1893	87	-
Cladosporium	-	-	-	-	20	133	6	-
Epicoccum	-	-	-	-	2	13	1	-
hyphal elements	-	-	-	-	4	27	1	-
Penicillium/Aspergillus group	-	-	-	-	6	40	2	-
	Debris Rating <b>2</b>				Debris Rating <b>3</b>			
Analytical Sensitivity	Analytical Sensitivity: <b>7 spr/m<sup>3</sup></b>				Analytical Sensitivity: <b>7 spr/m<sup>3</sup></b>			
Comments								
Total *See Footnotes	2	13	~100%	1/163	113	2173	~100%	-

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Client Sample Number	GM-15				Out 2 CY			
Sample Location	Classroom 15				Outside Courtyard			
Sample Volume (L)	150				150			
Lab Sample Number	16008709-003				16008709-012			
Spore Identification	Raw Ct	spr/m³	% Ttl	In/Out	Raw Ct	spr/m³	% Ttl	In/Out
ascospores	-	-	-	-	10	67	3	-
basidiospores	4	27	80	1/71	71	1893	87	-
Cladosporium	1	7	20	1/20	20	133	6	-
Epicoccum	-	-	-	-	2	13	1	-
hyphal elements	-	-	-	-	4	27	1	-
Penicillium/Aspergillus group	-	-	-	-	6	40	2	-
	Debris Rating 2				Debris Rating 3			
Analytical Sensitivity	Analytical Sensitivity: 7 spr/m³				Analytical Sensitivity: 7 spr/m³			
Comments								
Total *See Footnotes	5	33	~100%	1/65	113	2173	~100%	-

Client Sample Number	GM-18				Out 2 CY			
Sample Location	Classroom 18				Outside Courtyard			
Sample Volume (L)	150				150			
Lab Sample Number	16008709-004				16008709-012			
Spore Identification	Raw Ct	spr/m³	% Ttl	In/Out	Raw Ct	spr/m³	% Ttl	In/Out
ascospores	2	13	33	1/5	10	67	3	-
basidiospores	3	20	50	1/95	71	1893	87	-
Cladosporium	1	7	17	1/20	20	133	6	-
Epicoccum	-	-	-	-	2	13	1	-
hyphal elements	-	-	-	-	4	27	1	-
Penicillium/Aspergillus group	-	-	-	-	6	40	2	-
	Debris Rating 3				Debris Rating 3			
Analytical Sensitivity	Analytical Sensitivity: 7 spr/m³				Analytical Sensitivity: 7 spr/m³			
Comments								
Total *See Footnotes	6	40	~100%	1/54	113	2173	~100%	-

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Client Sample Number	GM-25				Out 2 CY			
Sample Location	Classroom 25				Outside Courtyard			
Sample Volume (L)	150				150			
Lab Sample Number	16008709-005				16008709-012			
Spore Identification	Raw Ct	spr/m³	% Ttl	In/Out	Raw Ct	spr/m³	% Ttl	In/Out
ascospores	-	-	-	-	10	67	3	-
basidiospores	2	13	100	1/142	71	1893	87	-
Cladosporium	-	-	-	-	20	133	6	-
Epicoccum	-	-	-	-	2	13	1	-
hyphal elements	-	-	-	-	4	27	1	-
Penicillium/Aspergillus group	-	-	-	-	6	40	2	-
	Debris Rating 2				Debris Rating 3			
Analytical Sensitivity	Analytical Sensitivity: 7 spr/m³				Analytical Sensitivity: 7 spr/m³			
Comments								
Total *See Footnotes	2	13	~100%	1/163	113	2173	~100%	-

Client Sample Number	GM-26				Out 2 CY			
Sample Location	Classroom 26				Outside Courtyard			
Sample Volume (L)	150				150			
Lab Sample Number	16008709-006				16008709-012			
Spore Identification	Raw Ct	spr/m³	% Ttl	In/Out	Raw Ct	spr/m³	% Ttl	In/Out
ascospores	-	-	-	-	10	67	3	-
basidiospores	68	1813	97	1/1	71	1893	87	-
Cladosporium	-	-	-	-	20	133	6	-
Epicoccum	-	-	-	-	2	13	1	-
hyphal elements	-	-	-	-	4	27	1	-
Penicillium/Aspergillus group	8	53	3	1/1	6	40	2	-
	Debris Rating 3				Debris Rating 3			
Analytical Sensitivity	Analytical Sensitivity: 7 spr/m³				Analytical Sensitivity: 7 spr/m³			
Comments								
Total *See Footnotes	76	1867	~100%	1/1	113	2173	~100%	-



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Client Sample Number	GM-37				Out 2 CY			
Sample Location	Music Classroom 37				Outside Courtyard			
Sample Volume (L)	150				150			
Lab Sample Number	16008709-007				16008709-012			
Spore Identification	Raw Ct	spr/m <sup>3</sup>	% Ttl	In/Out	Raw Ct	spr/m <sup>3</sup>	% Ttl	In/Out
ascospores	-	-	-	-	10	67	3	-
basidiospores	2	13	50	1/142	71	1893	87	-
Cladosporium	-	-	-	-	20	133	6	-
Epicoccum	-	-	-	-	2	13	1	-
hyphal elements	-	-	-	-	4	27	1	-
Penicillium/Aspergillus group	2	13	50	1/3	6	40	2	-
Debris Rating 2				Debris Rating 3				
Analytical Sensitivity	Analytical Sensitivity: 7 spr/m <sup>3</sup>				Analytical Sensitivity: 7 spr/m <sup>3</sup>			
Comments								
Total *See Footnotes	4	27	~100%	1/82	113	2173	~100%	-

Client Sample Number	GM-38				Out 2 CY			
Sample Location	Art Classroom 38				Outside Courtyard			
Sample Volume (L)	150				150			
Lab Sample Number	16008709-008				16008709-012			
Spore Identification	Raw Ct	spr/m <sup>3</sup>	% Ttl	In/Out	Raw Ct	spr/m <sup>3</sup>	% Ttl	In/Out
ascospores	-	-	-	-	10	67	3	-
basidiospores	6	40	46	1/47	71	1893	87	-
Cladosporium	1	7	8	1/20	20	133	6	-
Epicoccum	-	-	-	-	2	13	1	-
hyphal elements	-	-	-	-	4	27	1	-
Penicillium/Aspergillus group	6	40	46	1/1	6	40	2	-
Debris Rating 3				Debris Rating 3				
Analytical Sensitivity	Analytical Sensitivity: 7 spr/m <sup>3</sup>				Analytical Sensitivity: 7 spr/m <sup>3</sup>			
Comments								
Total *See Footnotes	13	87	~100%	1/25	113	2173	~100%	-

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Client Sample Number	GM-70				Out 2 CY			
Sample Location	Portable Classroom 70				Outside Courtyard			
Sample Volume (L)	150				150			
Lab Sample Number	16008709-009				16008709-012			
Spore Identification	Raw Ct	spr/m <sup>3</sup>	% Ttl	In/Out	Raw Ct	spr/m <sup>3</sup>	% Ttl	In/Out
ascospores	-	-	-	-	10	67	3	-
basidiospores	10	67	38	1/28	71	1893	87	-
Cladosporium	7	47	27	1/3	20	133	6	-
Epicoccum	-	-	-	-	2	13	1	-
hyphal elements	-	-	-	-	4	27	1	-
Penicillium/Aspergillus group	9	60	35	2/1	6	40	2	-
	Debris Rating 3				Debris Rating 3			
Analytical Sensitivity	Analytical Sensitivity: 7 spr/m <sup>3</sup>				Analytical Sensitivity: 7 spr/m <sup>3</sup>			
Comments								
Total *See Footnotes	26	173	~100%	1/13	113	2173	~100%	-

Client Sample Number	GM-71				Out 2 CY			
Sample Location	Portable Classroom 71				Outside Courtyard			
Sample Volume (L)	150				150			
Lab Sample Number	16008709-010				16008709-012			
Spore Identification	Raw Ct	spr/m <sup>3</sup>	% Ttl	In/Out	Raw Ct	spr/m <sup>3</sup>	% Ttl	In/Out
ascospores	-	-	-	-	10	67	3	-
basidiospores	32	213	32	1/9	71	1893	87	-
Cladosporium	3	20	3	1/7	20	133	6	-
Epicoccum	-	-	-	-	2	13	1	-
hyphal elements	2	13	2	1/2	4	27	1	-
Penicillium/Aspergillus group	-	-	-	-	6	40	2	-
Pithomyces	63	420	63	-	-	-	-	-
	Debris Rating 3				Debris Rating 3			
Analytical Sensitivity	Analytical Sensitivity: 7 spr/m <sup>3</sup>				Analytical Sensitivity: 7 spr/m <sup>3</sup>			
Comments								
Total *See Footnotes	100	667	~100%	1/3	113	2173	~100%	-

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Client Sample Number	Out 1				Out 2 CY			
Sample Location	Outside Near PCR 70				Outside Courtyard			
Sample Volume (L)	150				150			
Lab Sample Number	16008709-011				16008709-012			
Spore Identification	Raw Ct	spr/m <sup>3</sup>	% Ttl	In/Out	Raw Ct	spr/m <sup>3</sup>	% Ttl	In/Out
Alternaria	2	13	1	-	-	-	-	-
ascospores	12	80	4	1/1	10	67	3	-
basidiospores	68	1813	82	1/1	71	1893	87	-
Cladosporium	27	180	8	1/1	20	133	6	-
Epicoccum	3	20	1	2/1	2	13	1	-
hyphal elements	10	67	3	3/1	4	27	1	-
Penicillium/Aspergillus group	6	40	2	1/1	6	40	2	-
Unknown	1	7	<1	-	-	-	-	-
	Debris Rating <b>3</b>				Debris Rating <b>3</b>			
Analytical Sensitivity	Analytical Sensitivity: <b>7 spr/m<sup>3</sup></b>				Analytical Sensitivity: <b>7 spr/m<sup>3</sup></b>			
Comments								
Total *See Footnotes	129	2220	~100%	1/1	113	2173	~100%	-

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## Footnotes and Additional Report Information

### Debris Rating Table

1	Minimal (<5%) particulate present	Reported values are minimally affected by particulate load.
2	5% to 25% of the trace occluded with particulate	Negative bias is expected. The degree of bias increases directly with the percent of the trace that is occluded.
3	26% to 75% of the trace occluded with particulate	Negative bias is expected. The degree of bias increases directly with the percent of the trace that is occluded.
4	75% to 90% of the trace occluded with particulate	Negative bias is expected. The degree of bias increases directly with the percent of the trace that is occluded.
5	Greater than 90% of the trace occluded with particulate	Quantification not possible due to large negative bias. A new sample should be collected at a shorter time interval or other measures taken to reduce particulate load.

1. Penicillium/Aspergillus group spores are characterized by their small size, round to ovoid shape, being unicellular, and usually colorless to lightly pigmented. There are numerous genera of fungi whose spore morphology is similar to that of the Penicillium/Aspergillus type. Two common examples would be Paecilomyces and Acremonium. Although the majority of spores placed in this group are Penicillium, Aspergillus, or a combination of both. Keep in mind that these are not the only two possibilities.

2. Ascospores are sexually produced fungal spores formed within an ascus. An ascus is a sac-like structure designed to discharge the ascospores into the environment, e.g. Ascobolus.

3. Basidiospores are typically blown indoors from outdoors and rarely have an indoor source. However, in certain situations a high basidiospore count indoors may be indicative of a wood decay problem or wet soil.

4. The colorless group contains colorless spores which were unidentifiable to a specific genus. Examples of this group include Acremonium, Aphanocladium, Beauveria, Chrysosporium, Engyodontium microconidia, yeast, some arthrospores, as well as many others.

5. Hyphae are the vegetative mode of fungi. Hyphal elements are fragments of individual Hyphae. They can break apart and become airborne much like spores and are potentially allergenic. A mass of hyphal elements is termed the mycelium. Hyphae in high concentration may be indicative of colonization.

6. Dash (-) in this report, under raw count column means 'not detected (ND)'; otherwise 'not applicable' (NA).

7. The positive-hole correction factor is a statistical tool which calculates a probable count from the raw count, taking into consideration that multiple particles can impact on the same hole; for this reason the sum of the calculated counts may be less than the positive hole corrected total.

8. Due to rounding totals may not equal 100%.

9. Analytical Sensitivity for each spores is different for Non-viable sample when the spores are read at different percentage. Analytical Sensitivity is calculated as  $\text{spr}/\text{m}^3$  divided by raw count.  $\text{spr}/\text{m}^3 = \text{raw counts} \times (100/\% \text{ read}) \times (1000/\text{Sample volume})$ . If Analytical Sensitivity is 13  $\text{spr}/\text{m}^3$  at 100% read, Analytical Sensitivity at 50% read would be 27  $\text{spr}/\text{m}^3$ , which is 2 times higher.

10. Minimum Reporting Limits (MRL) for BULKS, DUSTS, SWABS, and WATER samples are a calculation based on the sample size and the dilution plate on which the organism was counted. Results are a compilation of counts taken from multiple dilutions and multiple medias. This means that every genus of fungi or bacteria recovered can be counted on the plate on which it is best represented.

11. If the final quantitative result is corrected for contamination based on the blank, the blank correction is stated in the sample comments section of the report.

12. Analysis conducted on non-viable spore traps is completed using Indoor Environmental Standards Organization (IESO) Standard 2210.

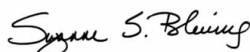
13. The results in this report are related to this project and these samples only.

14. For samples with an air volume of < 100L, the number of significant figures in the result should be considered (2) two. For samples with air volumes between 100-999L, the number of significant figures in the result should be considered (3) three. For example, a sample with a result of 55,443  $\text{spr}/\text{m}^3$  from a 75L sample using significant figures should be considered 55,000. The same result of 55,443 from a 150L sample using significant figures should be considered 55,400  $\text{spr}/\text{m}^3$ .

15. If the In/Out ratio is greater than 100 times it is indicated >100/1, rather than showing the real value.

#### Terminology Used in Direct Exam Reporting

**Conidiophores are a type of modified hyphae from which spores are born. When seen on a surface sample in moderate to numerous concentrations they may be indicative of fungal growth.**



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<b>Field Contact</b>	Julie Barth	<b>Collected By/Date:</b>	03/22/16
<b>Reporting Address</b>	PO Box 286, Woodbine, MD 21797	<b>Relinquished By/Date:</b>	03/23/16
<b>Billing Address</b>	SAME	<b>Received By/Date:</b>	on 3/24/2016
<b>Phone/Fax</b>	410-549-5774/410-549-4488	<b>Sampler Type</b>	Andersen SAS
<b>Reporting Email(s)</b>	jbarth@ariaenviro.com	<b>Sample Aire</b>	AeroTrap
<b>Routine</b>	<input checked="" type="radio"/> 24 Hour <input type="radio"/> Same Day <input type="radio"/> 4 Hour <input type="radio"/> 2 Hour	<b>Other</b>	Allergenco
<b>SAMPLING LOCATION ZIP CODE</b>		21738	
<b>CC Info:</b>			

Sample No.	Test Code	Sample Location	Total Volume/Area
1	GM-08	Classroom 8	150 L
2	GM-11	Classroom 11	150 L
3	GM-15	Classroom 15	150 L
4	GM-18	Classroom 18	150 L
5	GM-25	Classroom 25	150 L
6	GM-26	Classroom 26	150 L
7	GM-37	Music Classroom 37	150 L
8	GM-38	Art Classroom 38	150 L
9	GM-70	Portable Classroom 70	150 L
10	GM-71	Portable Classroom 71	150 L
11	Out 1	Outside near PCR 70	150 L
12	Out 2 CY	Outside Courtyard	150 L
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1054	Direct, Non-viable Spore Trap	1015	Culture - WATER Legionella
1051	Direct, Qualitative- Swab/Tape	1017	Culture - SWAB Legionella
1050	Direct, Qualitative- Bulk	1010	WATER - Potable - E. coli/total coliforms
1005	AIR Culture - Bacterial Count w/ ID's	1012	SWAB - E. coli/total coliforms
1030	AIR Culture - Fungal Count w/ ID's	1028	Sewage Screen (E. coli/Enterococcus/fecal coliforms)
1006	SWAB Culture - Bacterial Count w/ ID's	2056	Heterotrophic Plate Count
1031	SWAB Culture - Fungal Count w/ ID's	3001	ASBESTOS - Point count
1008	BULK Culture - Bacterial Count w/ ID's	3002	ASBESTOS - PLM Analysis
1033	BULK Culture - Fungal Count w/ ID's	3003	ASBESTOS - Particle characterization
1007	WATER Culture - Bacterial Count w/ID's	3004	ASBESTOS - PCM Analysis