# SPORE SAMPLING REPORT FOR GLENWOOD MIDDLE SCHOOL 2680 ROUTE 97 GLENWOOD, MD 21738

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## **SPORE TRAP SAMPLING REPORT** FOR GLENWOOD MIDDLE SCHOOL MAY 25, 2016

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## SPORE TRAP SAMPLING REPORT FOR GLENWOOD MIDDLE SCHOOL May 25, 2016

#### **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 May 25, 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 May 25, 2016.

#### I. BACKGROUND

Representatives from Aria Environmental, Inc. (AE) visited Glenwood Middle School on May 25, 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 9, 10, 21, 22, 23, 24, Band Room 36, Girls Locker Room Office 51-O and Portable Classrooms 80 and 81. Outdoor air samples were also collected for comparison purposes in one courtyard and outside near portable classroom 81. 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 warm.

#### II. OBSERVATIONS AND MEASUREMENTS

#### A. Observations and Measurements on May 25, 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 3:19 PM and 4:37 PM ranged from 74.0 to 78.9° F with an average of 75.0° F. The indoor relative humidity ranged from 41.0 to 45.9 percent. The temperature and humidity measurements were acceptable compared to the comfort ranges. 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 79.2° F and the outdoor relative humidity was 44.5% outside near Portable Classroom 80, and the outside temperature at 4:49 PM was 83.2° F and the relative humidity was 34.8% 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>

Relative Humidity	Winter Temperature	Summer Temperature
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

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 297 to 530 ppm indoors. The concentration of concern for 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 244 to 255 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. 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 µg/m³ and 50 µg/m³, 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 with the exception of the PM10 concentration in the Girls Locker Room Office 51-O ( $60 \mu g/m3$ ).

Table 2: Particle, Temperature, Relative Humidity, Carbon Dioxide and Carbon Monoxide Measurements Collected on May 25, 2016 at Glenwood Middle School

Location	Time	PM1 (μg/m³)	PM2.5 (μg/m³)	PM7 (μg/m³)	PM10 (µg/m³)	TSP (µg/m³)	Temp (°F)	Rh (%)	CO (ppm)	CO <sub>2</sub> (ppm)
CR 10	3:19 PM	0	0	3	3	5	76.7	41.0	0.0	460
CR 09	3:21 PM	0	0	1	1	2	76.4	41.0	0.0	379
CR 21	3:37 PM	0	0	1	1	3	74.6	44.4	0.0	333
CR 22	3:38 PM	0	0	3	3	5	74.6	45.1	0.0	297
CR 23	3:52 PM	0	0	2	4	6	74.3	45.5	0.0	352
CR 24	3:55 PM	0	1	4	4	5	74.3	45.3	0.0	323
CR 36 (Band)	4:09 PM	0	0	7	9	14	75.6	44.2	0.0	470
RM 51-O	4:13 PM	0	4	43	60	80	74.0	45.6	0.0	514
PCR 81	4:33 PM	0	0	3	4	9	74.9	41.3	0.0	530
PCR 80	4:37 PM	0	1	1	1	5	78.9	45.9	0.0	340
Out 1	4:45 PM	0	1	13	14	17	79.2	44.5	0.0	255
Out 2 CY	4:49 PM	0	0	5	7	11	83.2	34.8	0.0	244

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

## B. Air Monitoring for Fungal Identification and Counting on May 25, 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 9, 10, 21, 22, 23, 24, Band Room 36 and the Girls Locker Room Office 51-O), two portable classrooms (80 and 81) 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 m³) 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 May 25, 2016.

Indoor spore counts ranged from 213 to 1,160 total spores per cubic meter of air (m³) in the main school building and ranged from 613 to 693 in the portable classrooms on May 25, 2016. All indoor samples had total spore counts lower than the outdoor samples which ranged from 10,147 to 16,253 spores per m³. All individual spore types detected indoors had counts lower than the outdoor sample counts with the following exceptions: Penicillium and Aspergilis spores (127 spores/m³) and Pithomyces spores (7 spores/m³) in the Girls Locker Room Office 51-O and Pithomyces spores (7 spores/m³) in Portable Classroom 80. These spore counts were above the range of spores detected in the outdoor samples; however, the counts were generally considered low and not problematic. Windows were not open during sampling.

The secondary colonizers Chaetomium and Stachybotrys were not detected in any samples. Hyphal elements were detected in four of the ten indoor samples, with counts of 7 to 80 elements per m³. Hyphal elements were detected in both outdoor locations with counts of 27 and 47 elements per m³. The Girls Locker Room Office (51-O) had a hyphal element count (80 elements/m³) above the range detected outdoors. 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.

Table 3: Results of Spore Trap Sampling in Selected Classrooms in Glenwood Middle School on May 25, 2016

Location	Outside	Outside in Courtyard	Room 9	Room 10	Room 21	Room 22	Room 23	Room 24	Room 36	Room 51-O
	(Out 1)	(Out 2)	(GM 09)	(GM 10)	(GM 21)	(GM 22)	(GM 23)	(GM 24)	(GM 36)	(GM 51-O)
Spore Type	Spores/ m³	Spores/ m³	Spores/ m³	Spores/ m³	Spores/ m <sup>3</sup>	Spores/ m³	Spores/ m³	Spores/ m³	Spores/ m³	Spores/ m³
Alternaria	53	113	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7
Ascospores	853	853	13	13	27	13	40	13	7	40
Basidiospores	7,893	10,027	440	400	253	507	353	313	73	267
Cercospora	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cladosporium	853	4,800	140	120	93	67	173	93	100	533
Epicoccum	53	60	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fusicladium	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hyphal Elements	27	47	-	7	-	-	7	-	7	80
Oidium	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Penicillium/Aspergillus	13	20	-	7	13	-	-	-	20	127
Pithomyces	-	-	-	ı	-	-	-	-	1	7
Polythrincium	13	7	-	ı	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rusts	-	7	-	ı	-	-	-	-	1	-
Smuts, Periconia, Myxomycetes	360	313	-	13	13	13	27	-	7	100
Total Fungi	10,147	16,253	593	560	400	600	600	420	213	1,160

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 May 25, 2016

Location	Outside (Out 1)	Outside in Courtyard (Out 2)	Room 80 (GM 80)	Room 81 (GM 81)	
Spore Type	Spores/ m³	Spores/ m³	Spores/ m³	Spores/ m³	
Alternaria	53	113	7	-	
Ascospores	853	853	33	13	
Basidiospores	7,893	10,027	400	520	
Cercospora	-	7	-	-	
Cladosporium	853	4,800	140	107	
Epicoccum	53	60	-	-	
Fusicladium	7	-	-	-	
Hyphal Elements	27	47	-	-	
Oidium	20	-	-	-	
Penicillium/Aspergillus	13	20	13	13	
Pithomyces	-	-	7	-	
Polythrincium	13	7	-	-	
Rusts	-	7	-	-	
Smuts, Periconia, Myxomycetes	360	313	13	40	
Total Fungi	10,147	16,253	613	693	

Bold numbers represent spore concentrations above the outdoor counts.

Dashes designate none detected.

#### III. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

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 recent heating, ventilation and air-conditioning (HVAC) system upgrade. AE made measurements for temperature, humidity, carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide and collected microbial spore trap samples on May 25, 2016.

Thermal comfort parameters of temperature and relative humidity were measured. Temperature and relative humidity measurements were acceptable compared to the comfort ranges. Carbon dioxide, carbon monoxide and particle measurements were within acceptable ranges for good indoor air quality in all areas monitored with the exception of the PM10 particle concentration in the Girls Locker Room Office 51-O which was slightly above the target PM10 concentration ( $50 \mu g/m^3$ ).

Indoor spore counts ranged from 213 to 1,160 total spores per cubic meter of air (m³) in the main school building and ranged from 613 to 693 in the portable classrooms on May 25, 2016. All indoor samples had total spore counts lower than the outdoor samples which ranged from 10,147 to 16,253 spores per m³. All individual spore types detected indoors had counts lower than the outdoor sample counts with the following exceptions: Penicillium and Aspergillus spores (127 spores/m³) and Pithomyces spores (7 spores/m³) in the Girls Locker Room Office 51-O and Pithomyces spores (7 spores/m³) in Portable Classroom 80. 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 four of the ten indoor samples with counts of 7 to 80 elements per m³. Hyphal elements were detected in both outdoor locations with counts of 27 to 47 elements per m³. The Girls Locker Room Office sample had a higher hyphal element count (80 elements/m³) than the outdoor samples (27 to 47 elements/m³). The secondary colonizers Chaetomium and Stachybotrys were not detected in any samples. 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

Date	Indoor Spore Count Range	Outdoor Spore Count Range
	Spores per m <sup>3</sup>	Spores per m <sup>3</sup>
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

Date	Indoor Spore Count Range	Outdoor Spore Count Range
	Spores per m <sup>3</sup>	Spores per m <sup>3</sup>
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
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 14672	19,510 to 23,190
March 22, 2016	13 to 1867	2,173 to 2,220
March 30, 2016	67 to 3167	1,660 to 2,333
April 5, 2016	7 to 120	980 to 10,960
April 13, 2016	73 to 320	2,000 to 3,067
April 20, 2016	13 to 127	480 to 36,379
April 27, 2016	253 to 7,007	15,360 to 17,160
May 4, 2016	573 to 4,707	42,032 to 48,752
May 12, 2016	487 to 12,727	42,236 to 65,628
May 18, 2016	360 to 6,207	21,406 to 25,773
May 25, 2016	213 to 1,160	10,147 to 16,253

Spore measurements collected in classrooms were generally acceptable compared to outdoor samples with outdoor total spore counts 23 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 June 1, 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

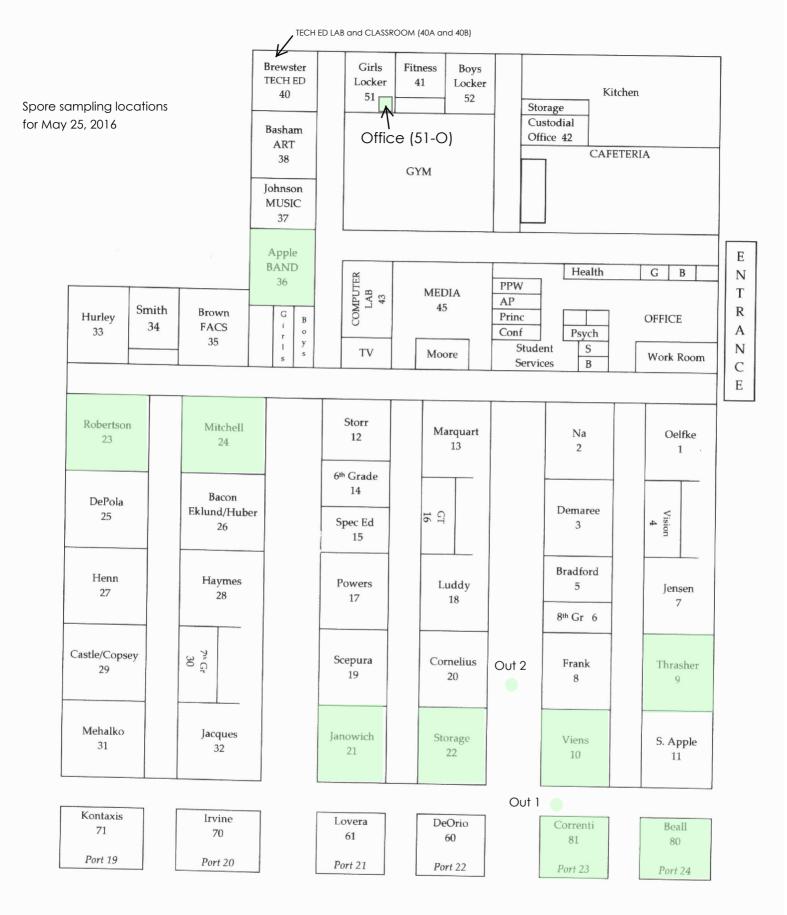
This report has been prepared for the exclusive use of the Howard County Public School System and/or their agents. This service has been performed in accordance with generally accepted environmental practices. No other warranty, expressed or implied, is made. Our conclusions and recommendations are based, 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 my

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 May 25, 2016



## Attachment B:

Report of Analysis and Chain of Custody Forms May 25, 2016



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Condition of Sample(s) Upon Receipt: Acceptable

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1054 Spore Trap Analysis: SOP 3.8

	1004 5	oore Trap Ana		UP 3.6					
Client Sample Number		GM-10				Out 1			
Sample Location	Room 10				Outside				
Sample Volume (L)		150			150				
Lab Sample Number		16016214-	001			16016214	-011		
Spore Identification	Raw Ct	spr/m³	% Ttl	In/Out	Raw Ct	spr/m³	% Ttl	In/Out	
Alternaria	-	-	-	-	8	53	1	-	
ascospores	2	13	2	1/64	8	853	8	-	
basidiospores	60	400	71	1/20	74	7893	78	-	
Cladosporium	18	120	21	1/7	16	853	8	-	
Epicoccum	-	-	-	_	8	53	1	-	
Fusicladium	-	-	-	_	1	7	<1	-	
hyphal elements	1	7	1	1/4	4	27	<1	-	
Oidium	-	-	-	_	3	20	<1	-	
Penicillium/Aspergillus group	1	7	1	1/2	2	13	<1	-	
Polythrincium	-	-	-	-	2	13	<1	-	
Smuts, Periconia, Myxomycetes	2	13	2	1/27	54	360	4	-	
		Debris Ratir	ng <b>3</b>			Debris Rati	ng <b>3</b>		
Analytical Sensitivity	Analytical Sensitivity: 7 spr/m³ Analytical Sensitivity: 7 spr					or/m³			
Comments									
Total *See Footnotes	84	560	~100%	1/18	180	10147	~100%	-	



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Client Sample Number		GM-09				Out 1		
Sample Location	Room 09				Outside			
Sample Volume (L)		150				150		
Lab Sample Number		16016214	-002			16016214	-011	
Spore Identification	Raw Ct	spr/m³	% Ttl	In/Out	Raw Ct	spr/m³	% Ttl	In/Out
Alternaria	-	-	-	-	8	53	1	-
ascospores	2	13	2	1/64	8	853	8	-
basidiospores	66	440	74	1/18	74	7893	78	-
Cladosporium	21	140	24	1/6	16	853	8	_
Epicoccum	-	-	-	_	8	53	1	-
Fusicladium	-	-	-	-	1	7	<1	-
hyphal elements	-	-	-	-	4	27	<1	_
Oidium	-	-	-	-	3	20	<1	-
Penicillium/Aspergillus group	-	-	_	_	2	13	<1	_
Polythrincium	-	-	_	_	2	13	<1	_
Smuts,Periconia,Myxomycetes	-	-	-	-	54	360	4	-
		Debris Rati	ng <b>3</b>			Debris Rati	ing 3	
Analytical Sensitivity	Analy	tical Sensitivi	ty: <b>7</b> sp	r/m³	Analy	tical Sensitiv	ity: <b>7</b> sp	or/m³
Comments								
Total *See Footnotes	89	593	~100%	1/17	180	10147	~100%	-



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Client Sample Number		GM-21				Out 1			
Sample Location	Room 21 Outside					le			
Sample Volume (L)		150				150			
Lab Sample Number		16016214	-003			16016214	-011		
Spore Identification	Raw Ct	spr/m³	% Ttl	In/Out	Raw Ct	spr/m³	% Ttl	In/Out	
Alternaria	-	-	_	-	8	53	1	-	
ascospores	4	27	7	1/32	8	853	8	-	
basidiospores	38	253	63	1/31	74	7893	78	-	
Cladosporium	14	93	23	1/9	16	853	8	-	
Epicoccum	-	-	-	-	8	53	1	-	
Fusicladium	-	-	-	-	1	7	<1	_	
hyphal elements	-	-	-	-	4	27	<1	-	
Oidium	-	-	-	-	3	20	<1	-	
Penicillium/Aspergillus group	2	13	3	1/1	2	13	<1	-	
Polythrincium	-	-	-	-	2	13	<1	-	
Smuts,Periconia,Myxomycetes	2	13	3	1/27	54	360	4	_	
		Debris Rati	ng <b>3</b>			Debris Rati	ing 3		
Analytical Sensitivity	Analy	tical Sensitiv	ity: <b>7</b> sp	r/m³	Analy	tical Sensitiv	ity: <b>7</b> sp	or/m³	
Comments									
Total *See Footnotes	60	400	~100%	1/25	180	10147	~100%	-	



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Client Sample Number		GM-22	2		Out 1			
Sample Location		Room 2	22		Outside			
Sample Volume (L)		150				150		
Lab Sample Number		16016214	-004			16016214	-011	
Spore Identification	Raw Ct	spr/m³	% Ttl	In/Out	Raw Ct	spr/m³	% Ttl	In/Out
Alternaria	-	-	-	-	8	53	1	-
ascospores	2	13	2	1/64	8	853	8	-
basidiospores	76	507	84	1/16	74	7893	78	-
Cladosporium	10	67	11	1/13	16	853	8	-
Epicoccum	-	-	-	_	8	53	1	-
Fusicladium	-	-	-	-	1	7	<1	-
hyphal elements	-	-	-	-	4	27	<1	-
Oidium	-	-	-	-	3	20	<1	-
Penicillium/Aspergillus group	-	-	-	-	2	13	<1	_
Polythrincium	-	-	-	-	2	13	<1	_
Smuts,Periconia,Myxomycetes	2	13	2	1/27	54	360	4	-
		Debris Rati	ng <b>3</b>			Debris Rati	ng <b>3</b>	
Analytical Sensitivity	Analy	tical Sensitivi	ty: <b>7</b> sp	r/m³	Analy	tical Sensitivi	ty: <b>7</b> sp	or/m³
Comments								
Total *See Footnotes	90	600	~100%	1/17	180	10147	~100%	-



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Client Sample Number	GM-23				Out 1					
Sample Location		Room 2	23			Outsid	le			
Sample Volume (L)		150				150				
Lab Sample Number		16016214	-005			16016214	-011			
Spore Identification	Raw Ct	spr/m³	% Ttl	In/Out	Raw Ct	spr/m³	% Ttl	In/Out		
Alternaria	-	-	-	-	8	53	1	-		
ascospores	6	40	7	1/21	8	853	8	-		
basidiospores	53	353	59	1/22	74	7893	78	_		
Cladosporium	26	173	29	1/5	16	853	8	_		
Epicoccum	-	-	-	-	8	53	1	_		
Fusicladium	-	-	-	-	1	7	<1	-		
hyphal elements	1	7	1	1/4	4	27	<1	-		
Oidium	-	-	-	-	3	20	<1	-		
Penicillium/Aspergillus group	-	-	-	_	2	13	<1	_		
Polythrincium	-	-	-	-	2	13	<1	-		
Smuts,Periconia,Myxomycetes	4	27	4	1/14	54	360	4	-		
		Debris Rati	ng <b>3</b>			Debris Rati	ing 3			
Analytical Sensitivity	Analytical Sensitivity: 7 spr/m³ Analytical Sensitivity: 7 spr/r					or/m³				
Comments										
Total *See Footnotes	90	600	~100%	1/17	180	10147	~100%	-		



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Client Sample Number		GM-24	ļ		Out 1				
Sample Location		Room 2	24			Outside			
Sample Volume (L)		150				150			
Lab Sample Number		16016214	-006			16016214	-011		
Spore Identification	Raw Ct	spr/m³	% Ttl	In/Out	Raw Ct	spr/m³	% Ttl	In/Out	
Alternaria	-	-	-	-	8	53	1	-	
ascospores	2	13	3	1/64	8	853	8	-	
basidiospores	47	313	75	1/25	74	7893	78	-	
Cladosporium	14	93	22	1/9	16	853	8	-	
Epicoccum	-	-	-	-	8	53	1	-	
Fusicladium	-	-	-	-	1	7	<1	-	
hyphal elements	-	-	-	_	4	27	<1	-	
Oidium	-	-	-	-	3	20	<1	-	
Penicillium/Aspergillus group	-	-	-	-	2	13	<1	-	
Polythrincium	-	-	-	-	2	13	<1	-	
Smuts,Periconia,Myxomycetes	-	-	-	-	54	360	4	-	
		Debris Rati	ng <b>3</b>			Debris Rati	ng <b>3</b>		
Analytical Sensitivity	Analy	Analytical Sensitivity: 7 spr/m³			Analy	tical Sensitivi	ty: <b>7</b> sp	or/m³	
Comments									
Total *See Footnotes	63	420	~100%	1/24	180	10147	~100%	-	



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Client Sample Number		GM-36	)		Out 1			
Sample Location	R	oom 36 (Ban	d Room	1)		Outsid	е	
Sample Volume (L)		150				150		
Lab Sample Number		16016214	-007			16016214	-011	
Spore Identification	Raw Ct	spr/m³	% Ttl	In/Out	Raw Ct	spr/m³	% Ttl	In/Out
Alternaria	-	-	-	-	8	53	1	-
ascospores	1	7	3	1/128	8	853	8	-
basidiospores	11	73	34	1/108	74	7893	78	-
Cladosporium	15	100	47	1/9	16	853	8	-
Epicoccum	-	-	-	-	8	53	1	-
Fusicladium	-	-	-	-	1	7	<1	-
hyphal elements	1	7	3	1/4	4	27	<1	-
Oidium	-	-	-	-	3	20	<1	-
Penicillium/Aspergillus group	3	20	9	2/1	2	13	<1	-
Polythrincium	-	-	-	-	2	13	<1	-
Smuts, Periconia, Myxomycetes	1	7	3	1/54	54	360	4	-
		Debris Ratir	ng <b>3</b>			Debris Rati	ng <b>3</b>	
Analytical Sensitivity	Analy	Analytical Sensitivity: <b>7</b> spr/m³		Analytical Sensitivity: 7 spr/m³		or/m³		
Comments								
Total *See Footnotes	32	213	~100%	1/48	180	10147	~100%	, -



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Client Sample Number		GM-50-	0		Out 1			
Sample Location	Room	50-O(Girl's L Office)		Room	Outside			
Sample Volume (L)		150				150		
Lab Sample Number		16016214-	-008			16016214	-011	
Spore Identification	Raw Ct	spr/m³	% Ttl	In/Out	Raw Ct	spr/m³	% Ttl	In/Out
Alternaria	1	7	1	1/8	8	53	1	-
ascospores	6	40	3	1/21	8	853	8	-
basidiospores	40	267	23	1/30	74	7893	78	-
Cladosporium	80	533	46	1/2	16	853	8	-
Epicoccum	-	-	-	-	8	53	1	_
Fusicladium	-	-	-	-	1	7	<1	_
hyphal elements	12	80	7	3/1	4	27	<1	_
Oidium	-	-	-	-	3	20	<1	_
Penicillium/Aspergillus group	19	127	11	9/1	2	13	<1	_
Pithomyces	1	7	1	-	-	-	_	_
Polythrincium	-	-	-	-	2	13	<1	-
Smuts,Periconia,Myxomycetes	15	100	9	1/4	54	360	4	-
		Debris Ratir	ng <b>3</b>			Debris Ratio	ng <b>3</b>	
Analytical Sensitivity	Analy	Analytical Sensitivity: 7 spr/m³			Analy	tical Sensitivi	ty: <b>7</b> sp	or/m³
Comments	Large	amount of par	ticulate	seen.				
Total *See Footnotes	174	1160	~100%	1/9	180	10147	~100%	-



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Client Sample Number		GM-81			Out 1			
Sample Location	P	ortable Class	room 8	1		Outsid	е	
Sample Volume (L)		150				150		
Lab Sample Number		16016214-	009			16016214	-011	
Spore Identification	Raw Ct	spr/m³	% Ttl	In/Out	Raw Ct	spr/m³	% Ttl	In/Out
Alternaria	-	-	-	-	8	53	1	-
ascospores	2	13	2	1/64	8	853	8	-
basidiospores	78	520	75	1/15	74	7893	78	-
Cladosporium	16	107	15	1/8	16	853	8	-
Epicoccum	-	-	-	-	8	53	1	-
Fusicladium	-	-	-	-	1	7	<1	-
hyphal elements	-	-	-	-	4	27	<1	-
Oidium	-	-	-	-	3	20	<1	-
Penicillium/Aspergillus group	2	13	2	1/1	2	13	<1	-
Polythrincium	-	-	-	-	2	13	<1	-
Smuts, Periconia, Myxomycetes	6	40	6	1/9	54	360	4	-
		Debris Ratir	ng <b>3</b>			Debris Ratii	ng <b>3</b>	
Analytical Sensitivity	Analytical Sensitivity: 7 spr/m³		Analy	tical Sensitivi	ty: <b>7</b> sp	or/m³		
Comments								
Total *See Footnotes	104	693	~100%	1/15	180	10147	~100%	-



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Client Sample Number	Τ	RM-80	)			Out 1		
Sample Location	P	Portable Classroom 80			Outside			
Sample Volume (L)		150				150		
Lab Sample Number		16016214	-010			16016214	-011	
Spore Identification	Raw Ct	spr/m³	% Ttl	In/Out	Raw Ct	spr/m³	% Ttl	In/Out
Alternaria	1	7	1	1/8	8	53	1	-
ascospores	5	33	5	1/26	8	853	8	-
basidiospores	60	400	65	1/20	74	7893	78	_
Cladosporium	21	140	23	1/6	16	853	8	_
Epicoccum	-	-	_	-	8	53	1	_
Fusicladium	-	-	_	-	1	7	<1	-
hyphal elements	-	-	-	-	4	27	<1	-
Oidium	-	-	-	-	3	20	<1	_
Penicillium/Aspergillus group	2	13	2	1/1	2	13	<1	_
Pithomyces	1	7	1	-	-	-	-	_
Polythrincium	-	-	_	-	2	13	<1	-
Smuts,Periconia,Myxomycetes	2	13	2	1/27	54	360	4	-
		Debris Ratir	ng <b>3</b>			Debris Rati	ng <b>3</b>	
Analytical Sensitivity	Analy	tical Sensitivi	ty: <b>7</b> sp	r/m³	Analy	tical Sensitivi	ty: <b>7</b> sp	or/m³
Comments								
Total *See Footnotes	92	613	~100%	1/17	180	10147	~100%	-



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Client Consule Number	1	0	V		1	0::4.4		
Client Sample Number	Out 2 CY				Out 1			
Sample Location		Outside Courtyard			Outside			
Sample Volume (L)		150				150		
Lab Sample Number		16016214	012			16016214	-011	
Spore Identification	Raw Ct	spr/m³	% Ttl	In/Out	Raw Ct	spr/m³	% Ttl	In/Out
Alternaria	17	113	1	2/1	8	53	1	-
ascospores	8	853	5	1/1	8	853	8	-
basidiospores	94	10027	62	1/1	74	7893	78	-
Cercospora	1	7	<1	-	-	-	-	-
Cladosporium	45	4800	30	6/1	16	853	8	-
Epicoccum	9	60	<1	1/1	8	53	1	-
Fusicladium	-	-	-	-	1	7	<1	-
hyphal elements	7	47	<1	2/1	4	27	<1	-
Oidium	-	-	-	-	3	20	<1	-
Penicillium/Aspergillus group	3	20	<1	2/1	2	13	<1	-
Polythrincium	1	7	<1	1/2	2	13	<1	-
Rusts	1	7	<1	-	-	-	-	-
Smuts,Periconia,Myxomycetes	47	313	2	1/1	54	360	4	-
		Debris Ratii	ng <b>3</b>			Debris Rati	ng <b>3</b>	
Analytical Sensitivity	Analy	Analytical Sensitivity: <b>7</b> spr/m³		Analy	tical Sensitivi	ty: <b>7</b> sp	or/m³	
Comments								
Total *See Footnotes	233	16253	~100%	2/1	180	10147	~100%	-



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# Footnotes and Additional Report Information

## **Debris Rating Table**

1	Minimal (<5%) particular 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 spr/m3 divided by raw count. spr/m3 = raw counts x (100/ % read) x (1000/Sample volume). If Analytical Sensitivity is 13 spr/m3 at 100% read, Analytical Sensitivity at 50% read would be 27 spr/m<sup>3</sup>, 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 considered (3) three. For example, a sample with a result of 55,443 spr/m3 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 spr/m<sup>3</sup>.
- 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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Reporting Address	PO Box	286, Woodbin	e, MD 2179	7	Relinquished By/D	5/26/16	Received By/Date:	B 5/57/16	
Dilling	SAME				Sampler Type	Andersen SAS	SampleAire AeroTrap	OtherAllergencoD BioCulture	
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Reporting Email (s)	jbarth@a	ariaenviro.com			Project Name: Glenwood MS				
Routine	24 Hour	Same Day	4 Hou	2 Hou	5 Day (Asbestos Only)	Notes:			
SAMPLING LOCATION ZIP CODE 21738					CC Info:				

	Sample No.	Test Code	Sample Location	Total Volume/Area
1	GM-10	1054	Room 10	150 L
2	GM-09	1054	Room 9	150 L
3	GM-21	1054	Room 21	150 L
4	GM-22	1054	Room 22	150 L
5	GM-23	1054	Room 23	150 L
6	GM-24	1054	Room 24	150 L
7	GM-36	1054	Room 36 (Band Room)	150 L
8	GM-50-O	1054	Room 50-O(Girl's Locker Room Office)	150 L
9	GM-81	1054	Portable Classroom 81	150 L
10	GM-80	1054	Portable Classroom 80	150 L
11	Out 1	1054	Outside	150 L
12	Out 2 CY	1054	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