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Post Mitigation Assessment Report
Department of General Services
Break Rooms 2008 and 1915
Board of Equalization Building, 450 N. Street
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Mr. Button,

BioMax Environmental, LLC (BioMax) is pleased to provide The Department of General Services (DGS) with this letter summary report detailing BioMax's findings and recommendations pertaining to our post mitigation microbial inspection and sampling assessment services provided within the noted break room areas within the Board of Equalization (BOE) building located at 450 N Street, Sacramento, California. BioMax understands that these post mitigation microbial inspection and sampling assessment services were contracted with BioMax, at your request, in an effort to review and verify the successful completion of microbial mitigative efforts performed by your restoration contractor, JLS Environmental, Inc., (JLS) within the identified Break Rooms 2008 and 1915 located within the BOE subject building.

These post mitigation clearance assessment services are, therefore, intended to assess the current site conditions wherein mitigative activities were performed by JLS to erect barriers and to investigate and mitigate (as identified) the moisture and mold related damages within these identified areas. Procedural recommendations pertaining to BioMax's review of historical and analytical data associated with the subject break rooms (and noted adjacent interior areas) have been summarized within our previously developed procedural assessment reports including those entitled:

- Post Mitigation Clearance Assessment Protocols, dated February 15th, 2008.
- Mitigation Procedures for Moisture Impacted – Break Room Areas, dated March 19th, 2008.
- Mitigative and Clean up Procedures for Interior Electrical/Data Rooms, Janitorial Rooms, Supply Rooms, Copy Rooms, Storage Rooms, and Rest Room Areas, dated May 7th, 2008.
- Microbial Assessment of Break Room Areas ("Building Wide"), dated July 11th, 2008

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Additional historical reports and assessment data may also be obtained and reviewed for further background and technical reference, as necessary.

Hence, these post mitigation microbial clearance assessment services, thereby, are intended to provide a physical assessment and evaluation of the noted areas following the completion of microbial removal and decontamination within each of the affected break room areas. Following the conclusion of prescribed mitigative activities performed by your selected mitigation contractor, Mr. Michael A. Polkabla, CIH, REA of BioMax conducted a detailed post mitigation site inspection and sampling assessment within each of the affected interior areas (and adjacent impacted areas, as necessary) noted in this report. BioMax's findings and conclusions pertaining to these post mitigation sampling assessment activities are, therefore, summarized herein.

SITE OBSERVATIONS

Site inspection and post mitigation assessment sampling activities were performed within the noted Break Room areas on January 30th, 2009. At the time of BioMax's assessment, site access into the noted break room contained areas was facilitated by Mr. Rick Boggs of JLS and on site DGS personnel. In attendance, during such activities were representatives from BOE's contracted environmental consultants Hygiene Tech, Inc. (HTI). On this date, Mr. Michael A. Polkabla, CIH, REA of BioMax performed a detailed visual site inspection within the noted containment system barriers associated with the noted break rooms and impacted areas. Following the performance of this visual assessment within each of the noted areas (indicating acceptable visual post mitigation conditions), BioMax collected a series of airborne SporeTrap confirmation samples within and surrounding the containment structures in accordance with the previously referenced post mitigation protocols as noted.

On-site inspection and clearance sampling assessment activities were performed by Mr. Michael A. Polkabla, CIH, REA, of BioMax in accordance with currently recognized microbial assessment and sampling guideline procedures. Mr. Polkabla has been certified in the Comprehensive Practice of Industrial Hygiene by the American Board of Industrial Hygiene and holds the right to the designation "Certified Industrial Hygienist" (CIH) under certification number CP 7104. Mr. Polkabla is also certified by the California Environmental Protection Agency (Cal/EPA) as a Class I Registered Environmental Assessor (REA) under Cal/EPA certification number 05011. Previously established clearance criteria developed for these activities has been formalized in BioMax's Post Mitigation Clearance Assessment Protocols dated February 15th, 2008. Such protocols have been reviewed and approved by BOE's environmental consultant, Hygientech International, Inc. (HTI) prior to implementation within the BOE building. A summary of significant notations and observations gathered during BioMax's site inspection and post mitigation clearance assessment activities within the subject containment areas are compiled as follows:

1. At the time of BioMax's site inspection and clearance sampling assessment performed on January 30th, 2009 ambient outdoor conditions both prior to and following our interior assessment activities consisted of clear and mild conditions with an outdoor temperature

range noted between 55 and 59 degrees F and relative humidity range of 43 to 44 %, respectively. Predominant winds were noted at approximately 0-5 mph from the northwesterly direction at the time of our assessment. Interior environmental conditions within the sampled areas consisted of a temperature range between 73 and 74 degrees F with relative humidity of 27 to 37 percent.

2. At the time of this post mitigation assessment, each of the interior containment barrier systems, whereby microbial mitigative and inspection activities were performed, were observed to be established and maintained within the impacted areas as per BioMax's protocols. Specific detail as noted on the "as built" construction site floor diagram documents (maintained on site by the site contractor, JLS) may be reviewed for further detail reference as necessary. During mitigative activities, BioMax routinely performed regular and periodic oversight, inspections, and review of records/conditions within and surrounding each of the noted containment areas. A review of such information has indicated a preponderance of evidence verifying that the current barrier systems have provided and maintained significant protective engineering controls during the noted mitigative activities.

3. During BioMax's post mitigation inspection activities performed within the containment areas, BioMax noted the absence of visible evidence of elevated residual moisture and/or microbial indicators (such as staining, discoloration, delamination, etc.) within all remaining exposed interior walls, flooring, and wall cavities following the performance of the prescribed mitigative measures. Utilization of a TraMex hand-held inductive moisture meter indicated normal background levels of moisture content within all remaining walls and building materials inspected within the sampled containment area at the time of our assessment.

4. The establishment of zippered plastic barriers at the doorway entrance to the noted break room containments were observed and verified under appropriate posting and negative pressure differential at the time of this post mitigation assessment. Worker and equipment entry and exit chambers comprised of a series of zippered plastic access doorways were also observed attached to the noted containment barriers consistent with BioMax's previously noted and approved mitigation protocols.

5. As noted within the previously referenced assessment reports and summary documents, the primary affected areas of visible moisture damage previously identified within the noted break room included moisture staining and mold damaged cabinetry, flooring, and wallboard materials. At the time of this post mitigation assessment, BioMax noted that all floor mounted cabinets, all tile flooring, and affected wallboard materials had been removed from each of the break room areas as per the established protocols.

6. As verified during these assessment activities, all identified affected interior wallboard building materials had been removed from each of the noted interior areas exposing interior wall cavity framing (metal) and underlayment wallboard siding materials present within each of the impacted areas. Upon post mitigation inspection, all <u>remaining</u> exposed building materials located within the break room areas exhibited no significant staining and/or

elevated mold growth following the completion of prescribed physical material removal and chemical decontamination procedures performed by JLS.

7. Digital images and schematic records have been developed and maintained by JLS for the duration of these mitigative removal activities indicating the extent and areas where visible staining and/or mold like indicators have been identified. Wherever found, such damaged materials were routinely removed from exposed wall cavities and wall cavity underlayment materials present within each containment area. Such records have been reviewed by BioMax as part of this clearance assessment and may be provided by JLS for additional inspection/review upon request. BioMax has estimated that a total sheetrock removal within the affected break room areas consisted of the following:

Break Room	Sheet Rock Removal Estimate
2008	42 square feet
1915	25 square feet

On site inspections and interviews with mitigation site personnel have indicated that mold and/or moisture related staining present on these (removed) sheetrock materials consisted of an estimated total of less than 5-10 percent by relative visual affected surface area of materials removed within each of the noted Break Room containment systems.

8. Following the completion of visual inspections within each of these containment areas, BioMax collected series airborne samples within and outside the containment systems noted below for subsequent comparative analysis. Such samples collected within and surrounding the interior containment system were collected in an effort to identify and quantify the presence of potential airborne mold spores present within (and surrounding) the containment system following the completion of the prescribed mitigative effort. Findings associated with these verification sampling activities are noted in the tables below.

9. BioMax also collected a series of digital images during these post mitigative inspection and sampling assessment activities in an effort to document the conditions and significant site observations observed and gathered at this time. Such images are provided as an attachment to this summary report for further reference, as necessary.

SAMPLING PROCEDURES

On-site inspection and sampling assessment activities were conducted by Mr. Michael A. Polkabla, CIH, REA, of BioMax Environmental within the noted break rooms on the date noted. All sampling equipment, supplies, calibration materials, and collection media were provided and maintained by BioMax as part of the performance of this scope of work. Sample collection procedures and methods were performed using standard industrial hygiene sampling methods following techniques prescribed by the contracted analytical laboratory.

Spore Trap Airborne Microbial and Particulate Sampling:

The collection of airborne Spore Trap microbial samples was achieved using Zefon Air-O-Cell sampling cassette collection devices placed in each of the areas identified in the tables below. Airborne Spore Trap samples were collected within and outside of the containment area at a height of approximately four feet above ground level using a tripod mounted Quick Take 15 air sampling pump manufactured by SKC. Samples were collected at a calibrated flow rate of 15 liters per minute for a total of five minutes per collected sample. Resultant total sample volumes, therefore, corresponded to 75 liters passed during the collection of each sample. Field calibration of the SKC air sampling pump was conducted using a field rotometer devise calibrated with a Bios Drycal primary standard flow meter. All spore trap air sampling and analytical procedures were performed in accordance with prescribed manufacturer guidelines as well as applicable professional certified industrial hygiene indoor air quality microbial investigation procedures and certified industrial hygiene practices.

Additional exterior ambient samples were also similarly collected and analyzed before and after the collection of interior samples in an effort to identify and quantify representative background microbial taxa (types), rank order, and corresponding airborne spore levels present within the ambient environment at the time of this assessment for comparative purposes. Sample collection activities performed during this study included the collection of identifiable airborne microbial contaminants within the representative area locations noted in Table 1:

Table 1. Airborne Spore Trap Sampling Locations:

Air Sample Number	Spore Trap Air Sampling Location
14645516	Ambient Pre-interior Sample 3rd Level Garage rooftop
14645686	20th Floor Hallway outside Break Room 2008 (outside containment)
14645691	Break room 2008 (within containment)
14645749	Hallway on 19th Floor hallway (outside containment)
14645743	Break Room 1915 (inside containment)
14645682	Ambient Post Sample at Main Entry

At the conclusion of sampling activities, preparation and shipping of the collected samples were accomplished in accordance with standard industrial hygiene chain of custody (COC) documentation procedures and quality assurance/quality control practices. Once collected, labeled, and recorded, all samples were double sealed within airtight plastic Ziploc shipping containers and transported via Federal Express Priority Mail to Environmental Microbial Laboratories (EMLabs) in San Bruno, California. EMLabs holds current applicable analytical accreditation and specializes in microbial analytical procedures. Sampling and chain of custody records are provided as an attachment to this letter report for further reference.

ANALYTICAL FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

Airborne Spore Trap Findings Break Rooms 2008 and 1915:

Laboratory analytical methods for the identification and enumeration of microbial (mold) taxa and particulate contaminants were conducted in accordance with prescribed analytical procedures and quality control/assurance measures. Original laboratory results including the enumeration of recognizable microbial spore and particulate types are also attached to this letter report for further reference and detail. A summary of airborne Spore Trap microbial (mold) and particulate findings pertaining to each of the subject areas are presented in Table 2 below:

Table 2. Airborne Microbial and Particulate Findings:

Location Desc.	Total Mold Spores (Cts/m3)	Background Debris (scale of 1-4)	Skin Cell Fragments (scale of 1-4)	Hyphal Fragments (units/m3)
Ambient Pre-interior Sample 3rd Level Garage rooftop	3,100	3+	<1+	13
20th Floor Hallway outside Break Room 2008 (outside containment)	240	3+	2+	<13
Break room 2008 (within containment)	120	3+	2+	13
Hallway on 19th Floor hallway (outside containment)	240	3+	3+	13
Break Room 1915 (inside containment)	200	3+	3+	13
Ambient Post Sample at Main Entry	3,500	3+	<1+	80

The analytical findings presented in Table 2 above clearly indicate the presence of significantly lower concentrations of total microbial (mold) spores measured within the interior samples collected both within and surrounding the subject break room containment areas when compared to the levels currently measured within the samples collected from the corresponding ambient outside environment. Analytical findings also indicate similar fungal taxa distribution (mold types) and rank order (predominant taxa) of molds identified within the mitigated areas as well as the adjacent hallway areas sampled (area noted as "Hallway" outside containment). Analysis of fungal hyphal fragments (vegetative fungal growth structures) also indicated the absence of

elevated residual fungal growth structures within the interior containment area air samples as similarly compared to the corresponding levels found within the collected ambient outside environment. Particularly worthy of note, was the verified absence of elevated levels of residual airborne hydrophilic (moisture loving) mold spore taxa (such as Chaetomium, Penicillium/Aspergillus, and/or Stachybotrys, etc.) following the performance of mitigative activities within the noted containment areas.

Although there are currently no regulatory standards or limits pertaining to allowable airborne fungal concentrations (for any mold taxa) present in indoor environments, there is a general consensus among indoor air quality experts that airborne microbial contamination found within "typical healthy" living and working spaces are generally similar in kind and present at levels which are below those found in the corresponding native outside environment. BioMax believes that the absence of visible staining resultant from moisture and/or residual mold, the absence of elevated residual moisture, absence of elevated airborne hyphal (mold growth) structures, and relatively fewer total interior airborne mold levels with unremarkable ("typical") taxa and rank order distribution following mitigative clean-up activities are consistent with these generally acceptable interior space conditions. BioMax, therefore, believes that these findings provide reasonable evidence indicating that current microbial removal and clean-up measures have successfully mitigated and contained mold contamination within the above noted areas and materials to normal representative levels.

Based on these findings, BioMax believes that the current physical site conditions present within and surrounding the mitigated areas may be considered acceptable in meeting both the visual and analytical clearance criteria established and approved for the BOE Building pertaining to these activities. As such, BioMax's review and interpretation of the collected analytical data associated with the noted containment areas has been shown to meet the previously referenced clearance criteria established for these activities. Such clearance criteria has been presented in BioMax's Post Mitigation Clearance Assessment Protocols dated February 15th, 2008, and has been reviewed and approved by BOE's environmental consultant, HTI.

Therefore, BioMax believes that the verified achievement of such criteria noted, supports BioMax's assessment determination that the noted Break Rooms may be considered acceptable for containment barrier de-activation and forthcoming reconstruction utilizing standard reconstructive practices.

Airborne Particulate Findings:

Analytical particulate findings also sampled and analyzed as part of this assessment identified, what BioMax believes to be, "unremarkable" levels present within the collected air samples. Such findings within and surrounding the noted containment areas also provide reasonable evidence indicating that current particulate clean-up and mitigative control measures have successfully controlled and contained particulate debris within the identified containment areas to unremarkable levels.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Based on BioMax's post mitigation assessment findings and conclusions presented in this report, BioMax believes that current observations and analytical data pertaining to the noted brake room areas indicate the absence of significant evidence of elevated residual microbial contamination or airborne contamination/migration following the completion of the prescribed microbial mitigative measures. BioMax also understands (through email communications) that parallel airborne assessment and surface sampling performed within these containment areas by BOE's consultant, HTI, has also indicated acceptable microbial levels following the completion of the noted mitigative effort as any retesting performed by HTI at this time.

Hence, based on current site observations, field measurements, and review of all available findings at this time, BioMax believes that the noted Break Rooms and adjacent mitigated areas may be considered acceptable for general reconstruction following standard prudent reconstruction practices. Therefore, based on our professional review and interpretation of these current referenced findings, BioMax provides the following recommendations for consideration as discussed below:

1. BioMax believes that current airborne microbial (mold) levels and mold taxa (types) identified within the noted areas are currently consistent with generally acceptable conditions and industry standard parameters following the performance of the mitigative activities noted. Hence, BioMax recommends that no further airborne and/or surface microbial sampling activities are warranted within the mitigated areas at this time. BioMax also believes that these post mitigation inspection observations and review of analytical findings indicate that the noted Break Rooms may be considered acceptable for containment barrier de-activation and forthcoming reconstruction.

2. During the performance of interior reconstruction activities, BioMax recommends that a qualified and experienced building inspector/contractor be utilized to verify the current compliance and functional integrity of all applicable building related plumbing, flashing, sealing, and drainage systems in accordance with current building codes and construction practices. Any identified deficiencies should be appropriately documented, corrected, and functionally verified (tested) prior to subsequent reconstruction. Certainly, the establishment and/or installation of any additional corrective measures or engineering controls (as identified through additional professional engineering consultation) should also be performed and implemented in accordance with applicable standards, building codes, and ordinances, as appropriate.

3. BioMax recommends that reconstruction of interior structural building materials within these mitigated areas should only be undertaken utilizing high quality, visibly clean (hand selected) construction grade building materials obtained from reputable commercial sources and which are physically verified through visual assessment to be free from elevated microbial contamination and/or elevated moisture content. Building materials, which are notably moist and/or visibly stained, should not be used during the reconstruction undertaken within the subject building.

4. As a precautionary optional measure, BioMax also recommends that current plastic barriers (as established during this mitigative activity) should remain during any reconstruction activity so as to minimize the potential transmission of associated nuisance construction dust and debris as desired.

5. Reasonable additional assessment and investigative measures may also be required upon the identification of new or previously undiscovered materials and/or information related to moisture/microbial impacts within the noted structures and/or impacted areas, as necessary. Any occurrence and/or re-occurrence of moisture intrusion following reconstruction within these areas should also be reviewed and addressed through additional professional consultation, as necessary. BioMax is certainly prepared to provide such professional consultation pertaining to these and any follow-up investigative measures upon request.

BioMax believes that the conclusions and recommendations provided above are consistent with standard industry microbial mitigative and evaluation practices and prudent industrial hygiene hazard control and assessment methods. Please do not hesitate to contact me directly at (510) 724-3100 if you have any questions, comments, and/or require further assistance regarding this subject matter.

Sincerely,

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Vice President, Principal

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Regarding: Project: 013009-01
EML ID: 509324

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Dates of Analysis:
Spore trap analysis: 02-03-2009

Project SOPs: Spore trap analysis (I100000)

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Re: 013009-01

Date of Sampling: 01-30-2009
Date of Receipt: 02-02-2009
Date of Report: 02-03-2009

SPORE TRAP REPORT: NON-VIABLE METHODOLOGY

Location:	14645516: Ambient garage rooftop		14645686: Hallway at 70th floor near 2008		14645691: Break room 2008		14645749: Hallway at 19th floor	
Comments (see below)	None		None		None		None	
Lab ID-Version‡:	2252347-1		2252348-1		2252349-1		2252350-1	
	raw ct.	spores/m3	raw ct.	spores/m3	raw ct.	spores/m3	raw ct.	spores/m3
Alternaria	1	13						
Arthrinium								
Ascospores*	2	110						
Aureobasidium								
Basidiospores*	26	1,400	3	160	1	53	3	160
Bipolaris/Drechslera group								
Botrytis								
Chaetomium	1	13						
Cladosporium	16	850	1	53				
Curvularia								
Epicoccum								
Fusarium								
Myrothecium								
Nigrospora								
Other brown	1	13	1	13	1	13	1	13
Other colorless								
Penicillium/Aspergillus types†	14	750			1	53	1	53
Pithomyces								
Rusts*			1	13				
Smuts*, Periconia, Myxomycetes*							1	13
Stachybotrys								
Stemphylium								
Torula								
Ulocladium								
Zygomycetes								
Background debris (1-4+)††	3+		3+		3+		3+	
Hyphal fragments/m3	13		< 13		13		13	
Pollen/m3	40		< 13		13		13	
Skin cells (1-4+)	< 1+		2+		2+		3+	
Sample volume (liters)	75		75		75		75	
§ TOTAL SPORE/m3		3,100		240		120		240

Comments:

* Most of these spore types are not seen with culturable methods (Andersen sampling), although some may appear as non-sporulating fungi. Most of the basidiospores are "mushroom" spores while the rusts and smuts are plant pathogens.
† The spores of *Aspergillus* and *Penicillium* (and others such as *Acremonium, Paecilomyces*) are small and round with very few distinguishing characteristics. They cannot be differentiated by non-viable sampling methods. Also, some species with very small spores are easily missed, and may be undercounted.
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The Limit of Detection is the product of a raw count of 1 and 100 divided by the percent read. The analytical sensitivity (counts/m3) is the product of the Limit of Detection and 1000 divided by the sample volume.
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SPORE TRAP REPORT: NON-VIABLE METHODOLOGY

Location:	14645743: Break rooms 1915		14645682: Ambient main entry	
Comments (see below)	None		None	
Lab ID-Version‡:	2252351-1		2252352-1	
	raw ct.	spores/m3	raw ct.	spores/m3
Alternaria				
Arthrinium				
Ascospores*			3	160
Aureobasidium				
Basidiospores*	3	160	43	2,300
Bipolaris/Drechslera group				
Botrytis				
Chaetomium				
Cladosporium			12	640
Curvularia				
Epicoccum				
Fusarium				
Myrothecium				
Nigrospora				
Other brown	2	27	2	27
Other colorless				
Penicillium/Aspergillus types†			7	370
Pithomyces				
Rusts*				
Smuts*, Periconia, Myxomycetes*	1	13		
Stachybotrys			1	13
Stemphylium				
Torula				
Ulocladium				
Zygomycetes				
Background debris (1-4+)††	3+		3+	
Hyphal fragments/m3	13		80	
Pollen/m3	< 13		150	
Skin cells (1-4+)	3+		< 1+	
Sample volume (liters)	75		75	
§ TOTAL SPORE/m3		200		3,500

Comments:

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MoldRANGE™: Extended Outdoor Comparison

Outdoor Location: 14645516, Ambient garage rooftop

Fungi Identified	Outdoor data	Typical Outdoor Data by Date† Month: January				Typical Outdoor Data by Location‡ State: CA			
	spores/m3	low	med	high	freq %	low	med	high	freq %
Generally able to grow indoors*									
Alternaria	13	7	13	170	31	7	27	210	58
Bipolaris/Drechslera group	-	7	13	200	11	7	13	120	13
Chaetomium	13	7	13	160	7	7	13	120	19
Cladosporium	850	27	270	4,800	88	53	610	6,600	98
Curvularia	-	7	17	450	10	7	13	220	7
Nigrospora	-	7	13	170	9	7	13	170	8
Other brown	13	7	13	80	31	7	13	80	37
Penicillium/Aspergillus types	750	27	160	2,200	82	38	210	2,400	87
Stachybotrys	-	7	13	580	2	7	13	290	5
Torula	-	7	13	170	5	7	13	150	12
Seldom found growing indoors**									
Ascospores	110	13	110	2,200	63	13	110	1,800	72
Basidiospores	1,400	13	270	10,000	86	13	210	6,700	93
Rusts	-	7	13	200	10	7	13	250	28
Smuts, Periconia, Myxomycetes	-	7	27	280	54	8	40	480	70
TOTAL SPORES/M3	3,149								

† The Typical Outdoor Data by Date represents the typical outdoor spore levels across North America for the month indicated. The last column represents the frequency of occurrence. The low, medium, and high values represent the 2.5, 50, and 97.5 percentile values of the spore type when it is detected. For example, if the frequency of occurrence is 63% and the low value is 53, it would mean that the given spore type is detected 63% of the time and, when detected, 2.5% of the time it is present in levels above the detection limit and below 53 spores/m3. These values are updated periodically, and if enough data is not available to make a statistically meaningful assessment, it is indicated with a dash.

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MoldRANGE™: Extended Outdoor Comparison

Outdoor Location: 14645682, Ambient main entry

Fungi Identified	Outdoor data	Typical Outdoor Data by Date† Month: January				Typical Outdoor Data by Location‡ State: CA			
	spores/m3	low	med	high	freq %	low	med	high	freq %
Generally able to grow indoors*									
Alternaria	-	7	13	170	31	7	27	210	58
Bipolaris/Drechslera group	-	7	13	200	11	7	13	120	13
Chaetomium	-	7	13	160	7	7	13	120	19
Cladosporium	640	27	270	4,800	88	53	610	6,600	98
Curvularia	-	7	17	450	10	7	13	220	7
Nigrospora	-	7	13	170	9	7	13	170	8
Other brown	27	7	13	80	31	7	13	80	37
Penicillium/Aspergillus types	370	27	160	2,200	82	38	210	2,400	87
Stachybotrys	13	7	13	580	2	7	13	290	5
Torula	-	7	13	170	5	7	13	150	12
Seldom found growing indoors**									
Ascospores	160	13	110	2,200	63	13	110	1,800	72
Basidiospores	2,300	13	270	10,000	86	13	210	6,700	93
Rusts	-	7	13	200	10	7	13	250	28
Smuts, Periconia, Myxomycetes	-	7	27	280	54	8	40	480	70
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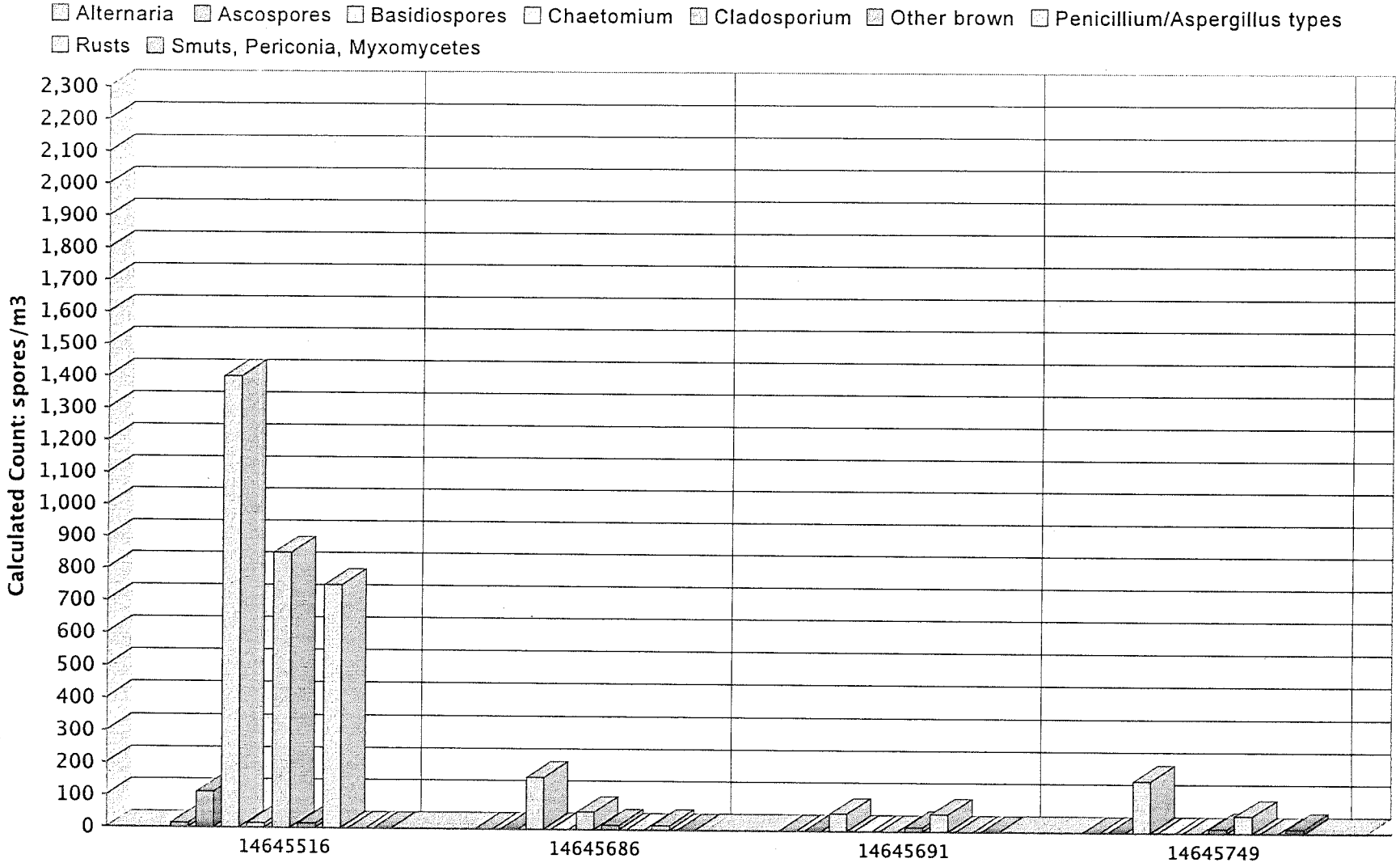

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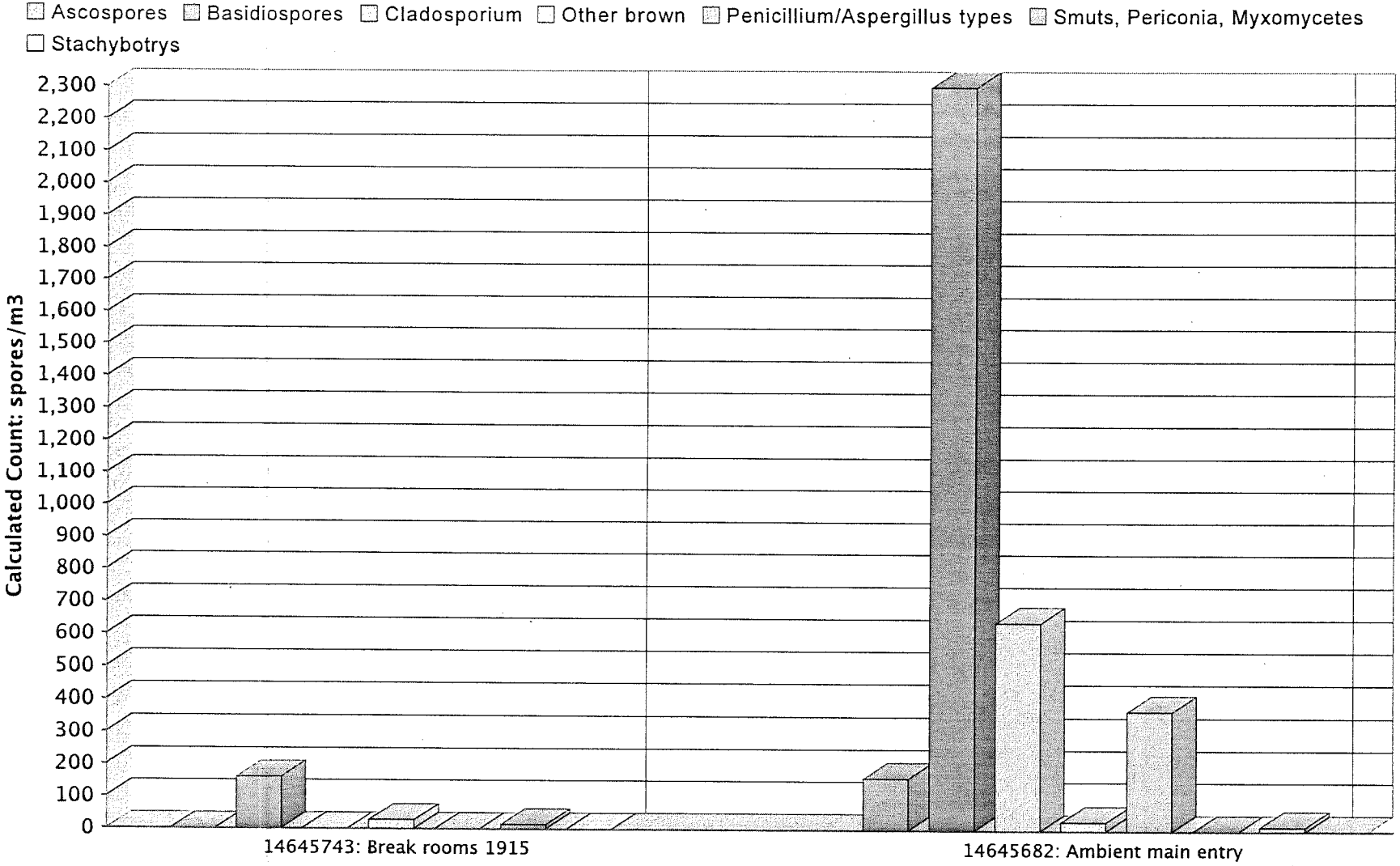

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Location:	14645516: Ambient garage rooftop		14645686: Hallway at 70th floor near 2008		14645691: Break room 2008		14645749: Hallway at 19th floor	
Comments (see below)	None		None		None		None	
Lab ID-Version‡:	2252347-1		2252348-1		2252349-1		2252350-1	
	raw ct.	spores/m3	raw ct.	spores/m3	raw ct.	spores/m3	raw ct.	spores/m3
Alternaria	1	13						
Arthrinium								
Ascospores*	2	110						
Aureobasidium								
Basidiospores*	26	1,400	3	160	1	53	3	160
Bipolaris/Drechslera group								
Botrytis								
Chaetomium	1	13						
Cladosporium	16	850	1	53				
Curvularia								
Epicoccum								
Fusarium								
Myrothecium								
Nigrospora								
Other brown	1	13	1	13	1	13	1	13
Other colorless								
Penicillium/Aspergillus types†	14	750			1	53	1	53
Pithomyces								
Rusts*			1	13				
Smuts*, Periconia, Myxomycetes*							1	13
Stachybotrys								
Stemphylium								
Torula								
Ulocladium								
Zygomycetes								
Background debris (1-4+)††	3+		3+		3+		3+	
Hyphal fragments/m3	13		< 13		13		13	
Pollen/m3	40		< 13		13		13	
Skin cells (1-4+)	< 1+		2+		2+		3+	
Sample volume (liters)	75		75		75		75	
§ TOTAL SPORE/m3		3,100		240		120		240

Comments:

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Location:	14645743: Break rooms 1915		14645682: Ambient main entry	
Comments (see below)	None		None	
Lab ID-Version‡:	2252351-1		2252352-1	
	raw ct.	spores/m3	raw ct.	spores/m3
Alternaria				
Arthrinium				
Ascospores*			3	160
Aureobasidium				
Basidiospores*	3	160	43	2,300
Bipolaris/Drechslera group				
Botrytis				
Chaetomium				
Cladosporium			12	640
Curvularia				
Epicoccum				
Fusarium				
Myrothecium				
Nigrospora				
Other brown	2	27	2	27
Other colorless				
Penicillium/Aspergillus types†			7	370
Pithomyces				
Rusts*				
Smuts*, Periconia, Myxomycetes*	1	13		
Stachybotrys			1	13
Stemphylium				
Torula				
Ulocladium				
Zygomycetes				
Background debris (1-4+)††	3+		3+	
Hyphal fragments/m3	13		80	
Pollen/m3	< 13		150	
Skin cells (1-4+)	3+		< 1+	
Sample volume (liters)	75		75	
§ TOTAL SPORE/m3		200		3,500

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Curvularia	-	7	17	450	10	7	13	220	7
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Other brown	13	7	13	80	31	7	13	80	37
Penicillium/Aspergillus types	750	27	160	2,200	82	38	210	2,400	87
Stachybotrys	-	7	13	580	2	7	13	290	5
Torula	-	7	13	170	5	7	13	150	12
Seldom found growing indoors**									
Ascospores	110	13	110	2,200	63	13	110	1,800	72
Basidiospores	1,400	13	270	10,000	86	13	210	6,700	93
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Location: BOE Break Rooms 2008 1915	**Client:** DGS
	Project #: 013009-01
Date: 1/30/09	**Laboratory:** EMLabs
Collected by: M. A. Polkabla	**Req. Turn Around:** 24
Signature:	**Analysis (circle):** *Fungal* / *Particulate* / *ID / Quantification.*

Sample Number	Time	Location/Desc	Temp / RH
14645516	1038	Ambient Garage Rooftop	59°/43%
14645686	1110	Hallway @ 70th Floor Med 2008	73°/37%
14645691	1120	Break Room 2008	73°/27%
14645749	1135	Hallway @ 19th Floor	74°/29%
14645743	1145	Break Rooms 1915	74°/29%
14645682	1200	Ambient Main Entry	55/44%

Total Sample Time (min):	Flow Rate (l/min):	Total Sample Volume (liters):	Ambient Conditions:	Comments:
5	15	75	clear / mild 0-5 NW	

Please sign this form below acknowledging sample receipt and return executed form with laboratory reports. Fax, send, e-mail results to BioMax Environmental at (510) 724-3145 biomaxenv@aol.com
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450 N Street, Sacramento, CA

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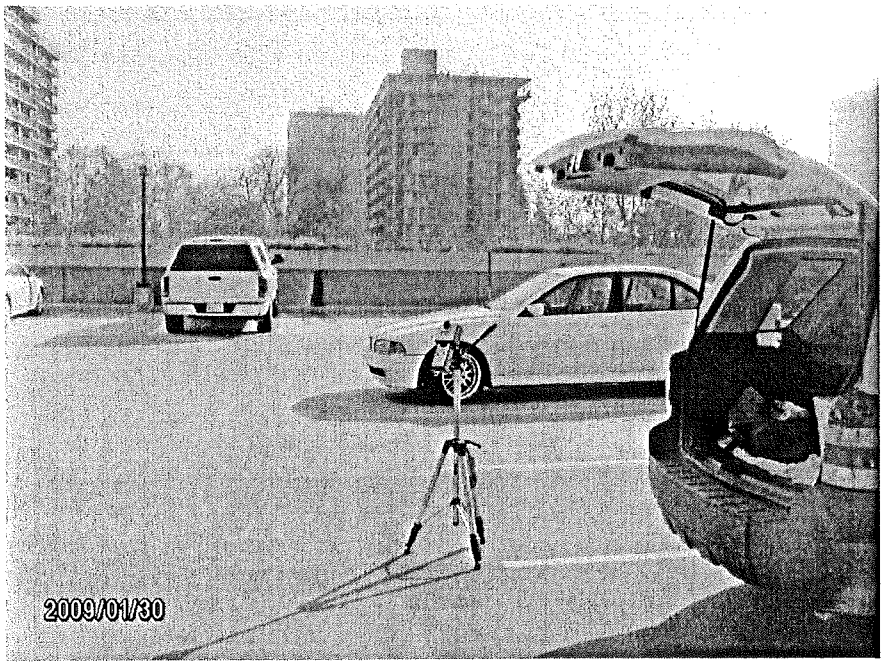

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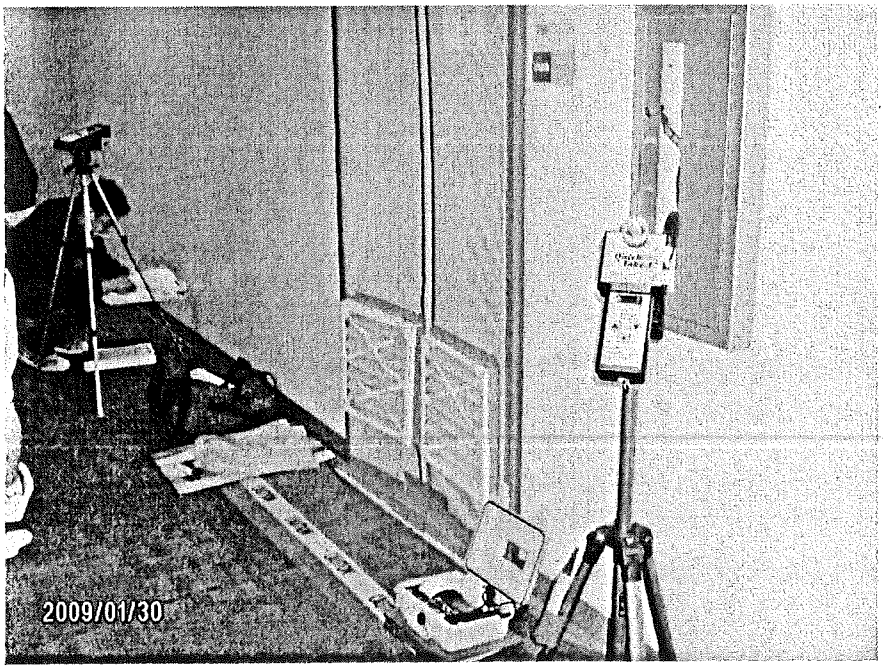

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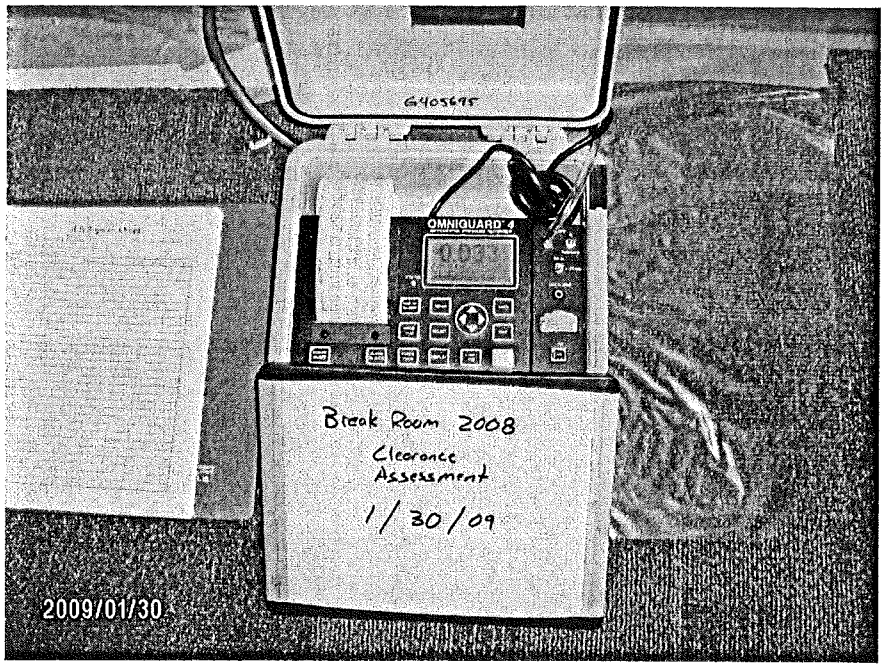

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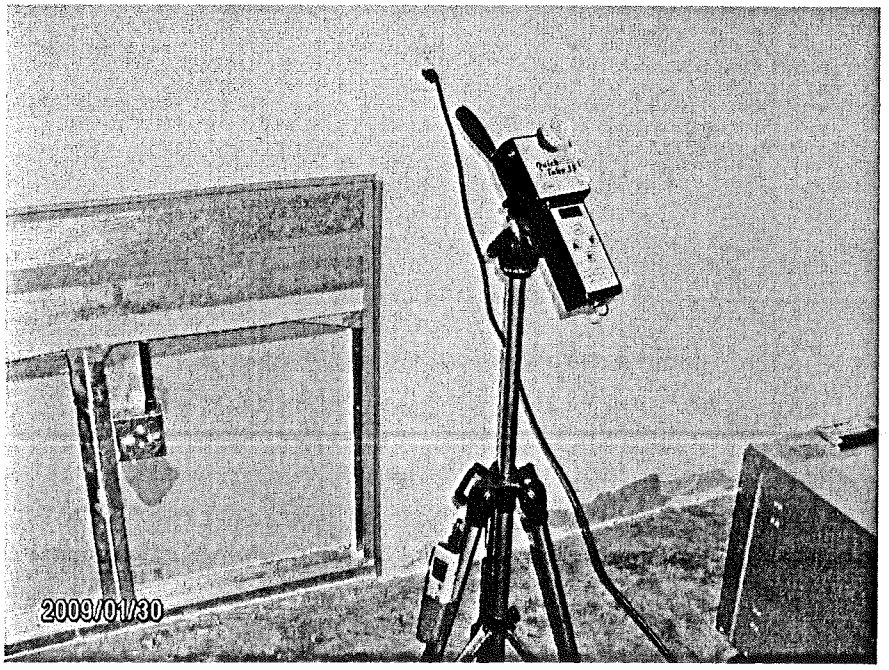
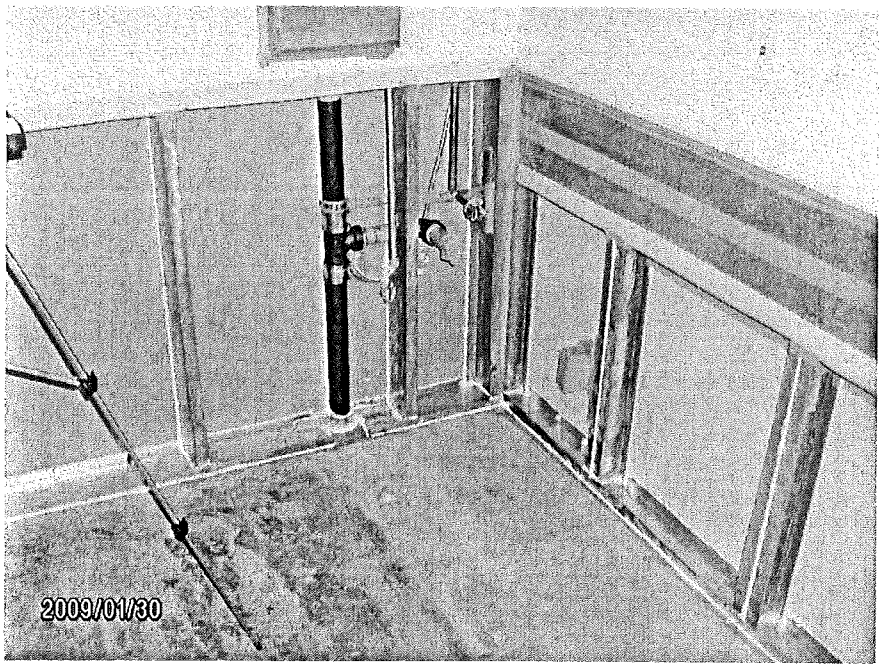
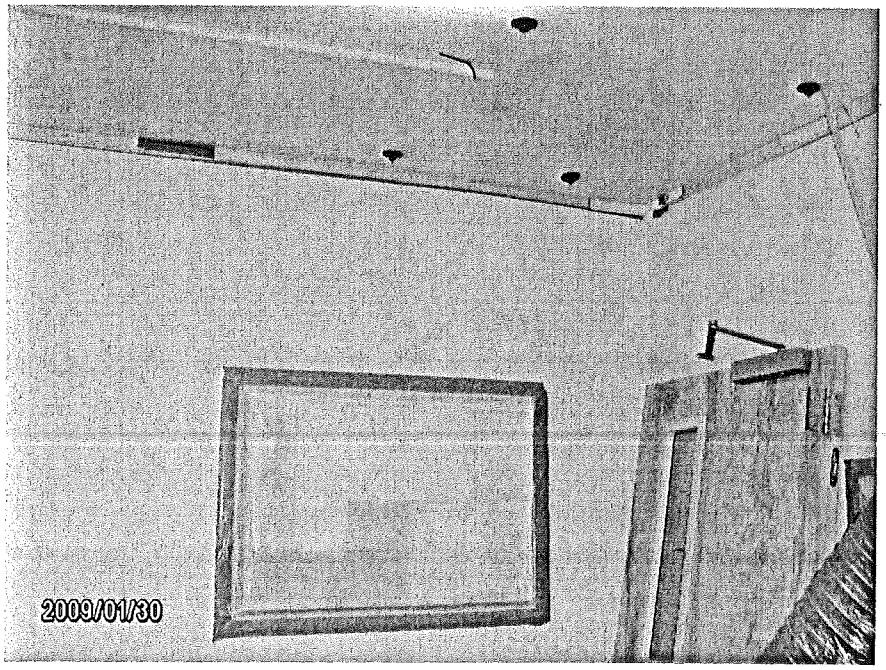


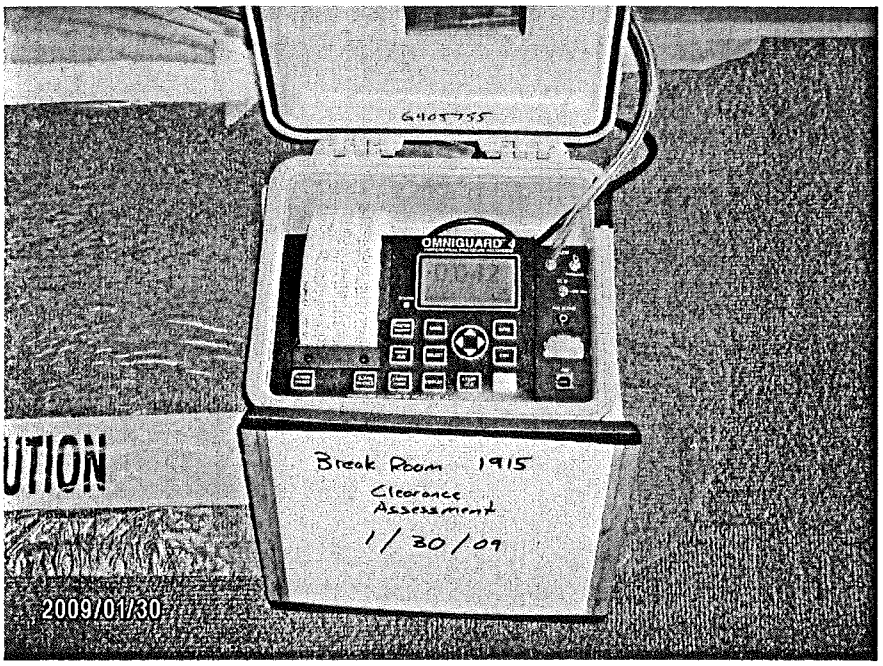
4) Image of air sampling equipment and wallboard removal delineation within Break Room 2008 area at time of assessment.



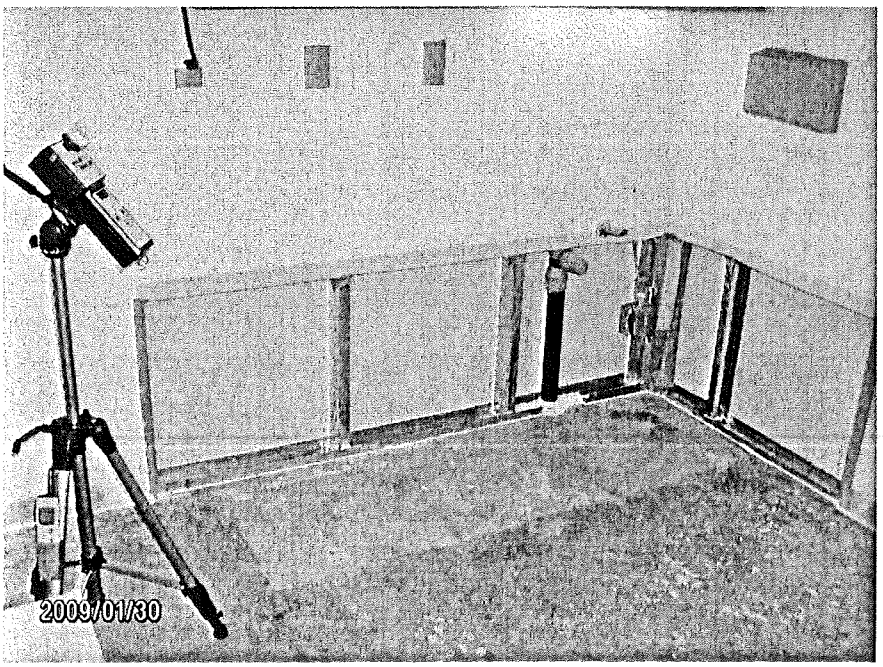
5) Close-up image of exposed wall framing systems and wallboard interior cavities within Break Room 2008 at time of clearance assessment.



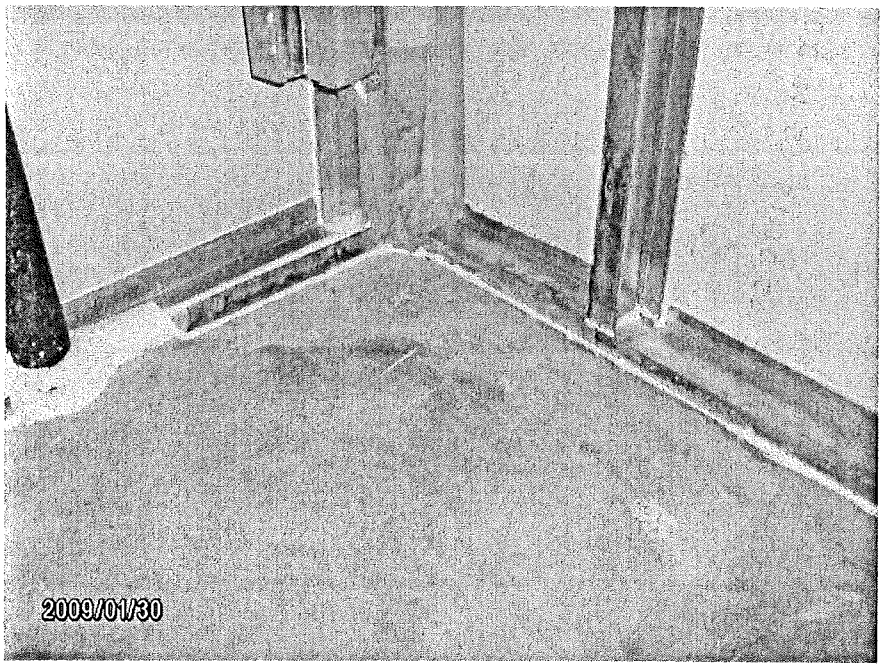
6) Image of ceiling and wall furnishing containment barriers present within Break Room 2008 containment at time of assessment.



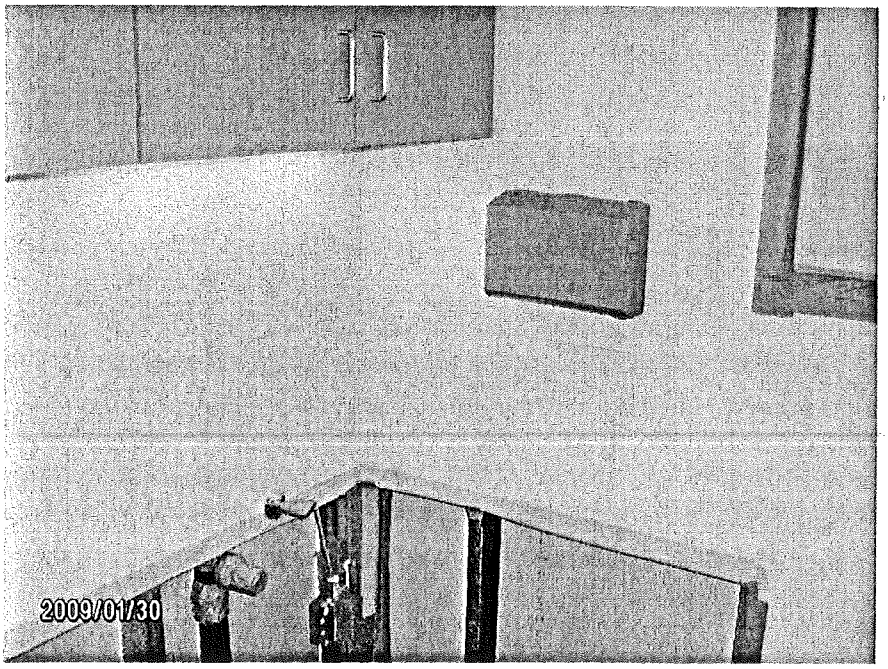
7) Close up image of pressure data logging manometer located at exterior of break Room 1915 indicating negative 0.042 at time of assessment.



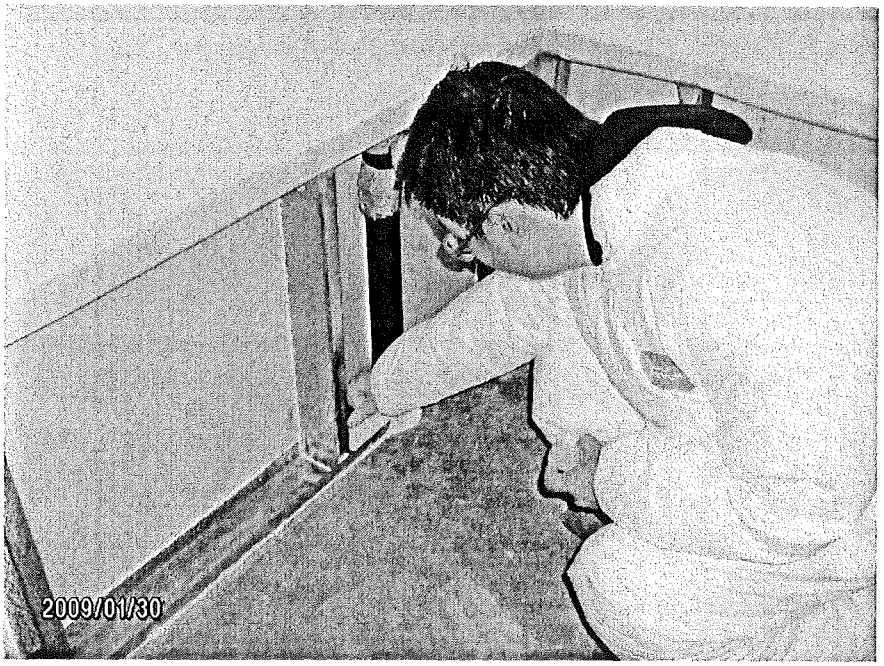
8) Image of air sampling activity and wall removal delineation performed within Break Room 1915 as part of the overall mitigative action.



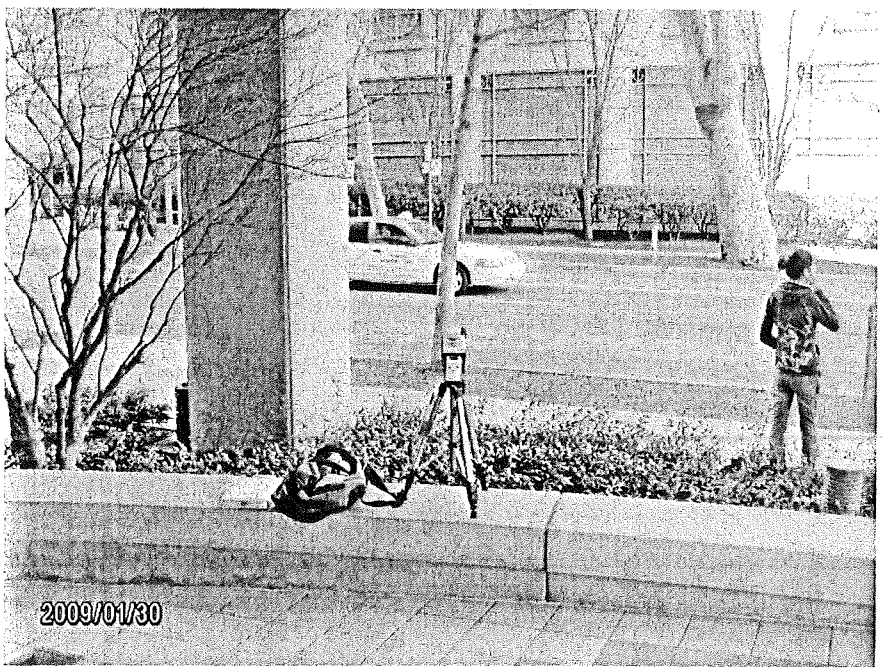
9) Close-up image of exposed wall cavity as viewed from within Break Room 1915 containment at time of assessment.



10) Close up image of wall furnishings present within Break Room 1915 containment at time of assessment.



11) Image of HTI technician collecting surface tape sample on exposed wall cavity within Break Room 1915. Noted single gloved hand during collection of sample.



12) Image of ambient air sampling activity performed at outside location near main entrance to BOE building at conclusion of assessment.