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**Re: Scope of Work for Air Quality Investigation, Webster Middle School, Milwaukee, Wisconsin**

Dear Mr. Nehls-Lowe:

In response to your letter dated May 31, 2000 Sigma Environmental Services, Inc. (Sigma) in cooperation with Christensen Environmental Services (CES), and on behalf of the Village of Whitefish Bay, has prepared this scope of work to complete an air quality investigation at Webster Middle School, located at 6850 North 53<sup>rd</sup> Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The air sampling and analysis protocol is developed based on our June 12, 2000 meeting with representatives of the Milwaukee Public Schools (MPS), Wisconsin Department of health and Family Services, Milwaukee Health Department and Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. The purpose of the air quality investigation is to characterize the air in several occupied and unoccupied spaces inside the school building for the presence of chlorinated volatile organic compounds (CVOCs) that may have infiltrated the building from the impacted groundwater identified beneath the school building.

#### **PROPOSED INVESTIGATION ACTIVITIES**

The proposed investigation activities have been designed to comply with the Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services request to, 1) evaluate indoor air quality, with respect to chlorinated solvent vapors, within Webster Middle School (School), and 2) evaluate subsurface soil vapor conditions, at three locations outside of the school building. The following sections describe the scope of work.

**Indoor Air Quality Monitoring.** Air quality monitoring, for chlorinated solvent vapors, will be performed by Christensen Environmental Services in the three, unfinished ground floor areas of the school. Background\ambient air quality conditions will also be monitored on the first floor and exterior of the building.

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The scope of work requires conducting air sampling inside the Webster Middle School and up wind of the school during the early morning hours on July 6, 2000. Nineteen air samples will be collected and analyzed for 61 volatile organic compounds (VOCs) including chlorinated ethanes and chlorinated ethylenes using standard sampling and analytical methods as described below.

- Evacuated six liter SUMMA™ Canisters with particulate filters supplied by the project laboratory (Air Toxics Ltd. in Folsom, California) will be used to collect the 19 air samples. Each sample will be collected over a period of one hour with the air entering the canister through a critical orifice of a flow controller. Flow controllers will be calibrated by the project laboratory before shipping the SUMMA™ Canisters to the project site. A vacuum gauge attached to each flow controller will be used to measure the initial and final vacuum during the sampling and to monitor the rate of sampling of the canister. After sample collection the Summa canisters will be shipped overnight to Air Toxics Ltd. in Folsom, California for analysis. The samples will be analyzed by EPA Method TO-14 with gas chromatography/mass spectrophotometry instrumentation (GC/MS). Limits of detection are < 1 ppbv (parts per billion volume). A summary of the analytes with minimum detection limits is attached (Attachment A).
- The air sample locations inside Webster Middle School and the numbers and types of samples at each location are summarized in Table 1. Please note that three of the indoor air samples (one from each unoccupied area) will be analyzed and a preliminary laboratory report of the results will be submitted within 48 hours of the investigation. A map of the sample locations is attached (Attachment B).
- The two primary HVAC systems servicing the school building will be turned off by MPS personnel at least 24 hours before the air sampling. With the HVAC systems off, a slight negative pressure should occur in the building as a result of the continued operation of the exhaust fans located in school restrooms, and allow air from unoccupied spaces to infiltrate occupied spaces. The air flow patterns will be checked with ventilation smoke tubes to verify the air movement. The temperature and humidity will also be measured at each of the eight sample locations inside the building and at one sample location outside.

TABLE 1 AIR SAMPLE LOCATIONS, NUMBERS AND TYPES OF SAMPLES		
Space	Location	Number of Samples, Description, and Type
Unoccupied	UF6, North Unpaved Area	1 sample at southwest corner at ground level * 2 samples near central portion, one at ground level and one at breathing zone 1 sample near thermoplastic and treated wood at ground level
Unoccupied	UF1, West Unpaved Area	1 sample near north wall at ground level * 1 sample at the middle of the area at breathing zone 1 sample near south wall at ground level
Unoccupied	UF44, South Unpaved Area	2 samples near east wall, one at ground level and one at breathing zone * 1 sample near west wall at ground level
Occupied	Room 44 on Ground Floor	2 samples near west wall, one within ceiling plenum and one at breathing zone 1 sample at the center of the room at breathing zone
Occupied	Room 7D on Ground Floor	1 sample at the center of the room at ground level
Occupied	Corridor G-5 on Ground Floor	1 sample near the center of the room at ground level
Occupied	Room 100 on First Floor	1 sample at the center of the room at ground level
Occupied	Corridor 1-2 on First Floor	1 sample at the center of the room at ground level
Outside	Upwind of the school building	2 samples at ground level (locations not shown on the map)

**Note:** \* denotes rush sample analysis within 48 hours.

**Subsurface Vapor Study.** A subsurface soil vapor study will be performed to determine the potential for the generation and migration of vapors from the dissolved phase in the groundwater, to the vapor phase in the underlying unsaturated soils. Sigma will install three, 1

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inch diameter, permanent soil vapor probes, along the north, west and southern sides of School (adjacent to the unfinished areas UF 6, UF 1 and UF 44). The vapor probes will be installed using the GeoProbe™ soil boring method with one soil gas sample collected from each location from a depth interval of eight to ten feet below ground surface. The soil vapor samples will be collected in a laboratory supplied SUMMA™ Canister and submitted for laboratory analysis of volatile organic compounds using EPA Method TO14. At the request of the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, the PVC vapor probes will be completed as permanent wells, with bolt down, flush mount protective covers.

**Data Evaluation and Reporting.** The project will be coordinated with Milwaukee Public Schools representatives, and implemented based on discussions with Wisconsin Division of Public Health officials. The results of the subsurface vapor and indoor air monitoring study will be evaluated to identify potential concerns regarding subsurface vapor migration and will be presented in a letter report.

Three of the indoor air samples (one from each unoccupied area) will be analyzed and a preliminary laboratory report of the results will be submitted within 48 hours of the investigation. The remaining 19 air samples will be analyzed and a final report submitted within three weeks of the on-site sampling activities. The final report will include the sample conditions, sample methods, and the laboratory analytical report.

Please do not hesitate to call us at 414-768-7144 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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## Attachment A

**AIR TOXICS LTD.**  
Method : TO-14-S

Compound	Det. Limit (ppbv)
Freon 12	0.10
Freon 114	0.10
Chloromethane	0.10
Vinyl Chloride	0.10
Bromomethane	0.10
Chloroethane	0.10
Freon 11	0.10
1,1-Dichloroethene	0.10
Freon 113	0.10
Methylene Chloride	0.10
1,1-Dichloroethane	0.10
cis-1,2-Dichloroethane	0.10
Chloroform	0.10
1,1,1-Trichloroethane	0.10
Carbon Tetrachloride	0.10
Benzene	0.10
1,2-Dichloroethane	0.10
Trichloroethene	0.10
1,2-Dichloropropane	0.10
cis-1,3-Dichloropropene	0.10
Toluene	0.10
trans-1,3-Dichloropropene	0.10
1,1,2-Trichloroethane	0.10
Tetrachloroethene	0.10
Ethylene Dibromide	0.10
Chlorobenzene	0.10
Ethyl Benzene	0.10
m,p-Xylene	0.10
o-Xylene	0.10
Styrene	0.10
1,1,2,2-Tetrachloroethane	0.10
1,3,5-Trimethylbenzene	0.10
1,2,4-Trimethylbenzene	0.10
1,3-Dichlorobenzene	0.10
1,4-Dichlorobenzene	0.10
Chlorotoluene	0.10
1,2-Dichlorobenzene	0.10
1,2,4-Trichlorobenzene	0.10
Hexachlorobutadiene	0.50
Propylene	0.50
1,3-Butadiene	0.50
Acetone	0.50
Carbon Disulfide	0.50
2-Propanol	0.50
trans-1,2-Dichloroethane	0.50
Vinyl Acetate	0.50

Attachment A

## AIR TOXICS LTD.

Method : TO-14-S

Compound	Det. Limit (ppbv)
2-Butanone (Methyl Ethyl Ketone)	0.50
Hexane	0.50
Tetrahydrofuran	0.50
Cyclohexane	0.50
1,4-Dioxane	0.50
Bromochloromethane	0.50
4-Methyl-2-pentanone	0.50
2-Hexanone	0.50
Dibromochloromethane	0.50
Bromoform	0.50
4-Ethyltoluene	0.50
Ethanol	0.50
Methyl tert Butyl Ether	0.50
Heptane	0.50

Surrogate	Method Limits
1,2-Dichloroethane-d4	70-130
Toluene-d8	70-130
4-Bromofluorobenzene	70-130

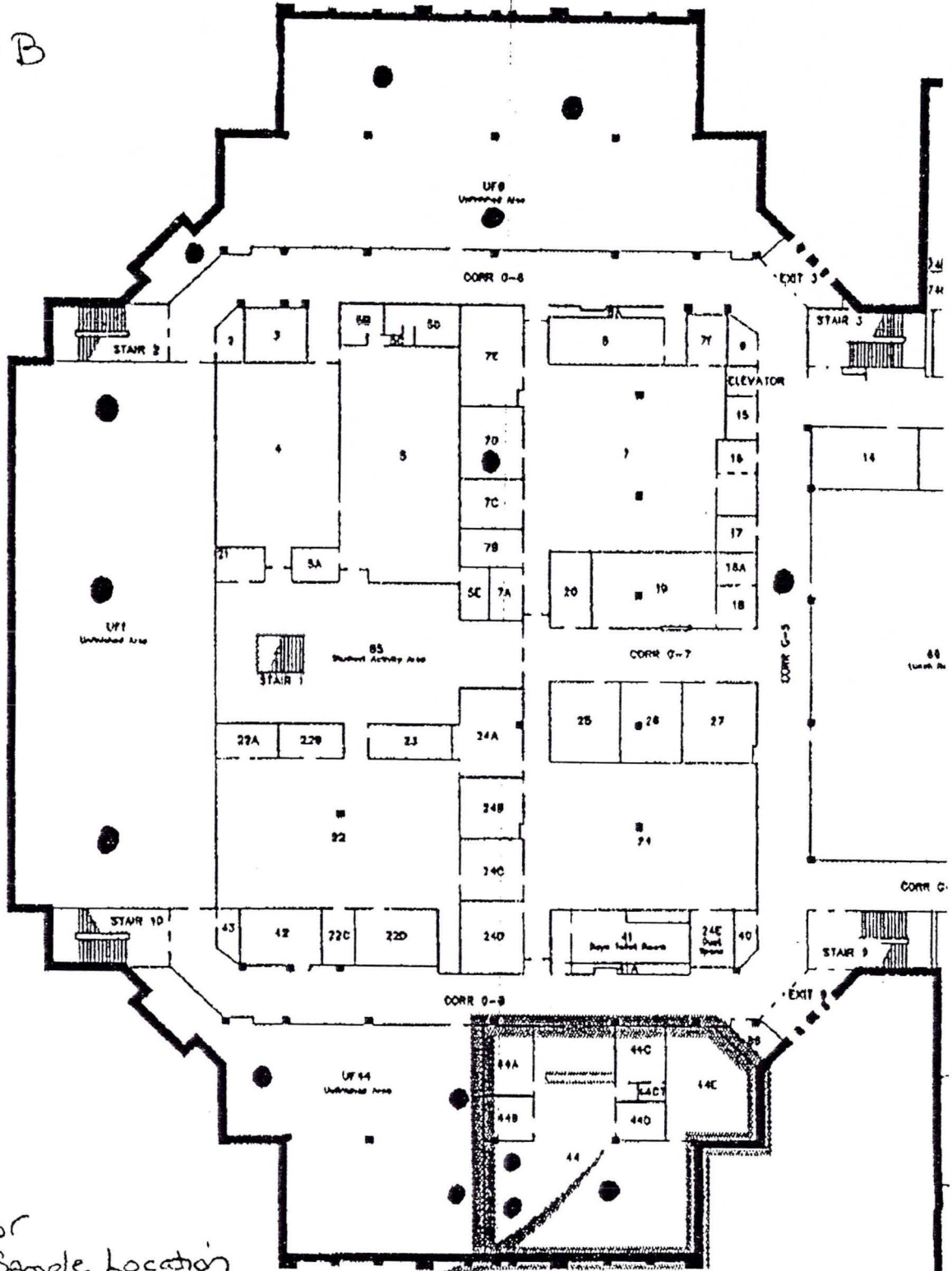
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Attachment B

⊕ VP-1

⊕ VP-2

⊕ VP-3



Ground floor  
 ● = Air Sample Location  
 ⊕ = Vapor Probe Location

Building Constructed in  
**1989**

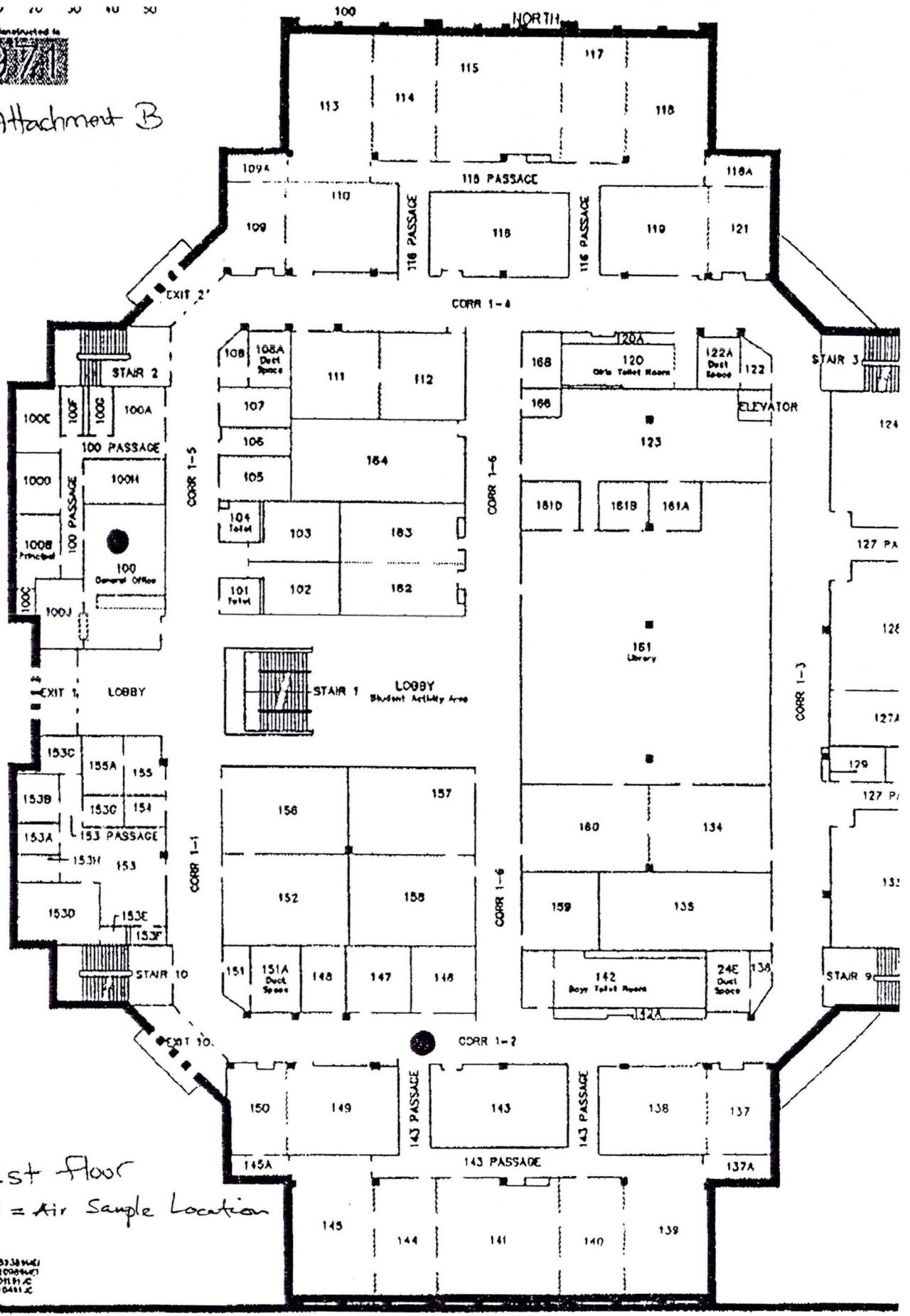
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Building Constructed in  
**1971**

Attachment B



1st floor  
● = Air Sample Location

- 08/38/94/E
- 01/08/94/E
- 10/18/94/C
- 11/04/94/C