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Larry Carlton
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Dear Mr. Carlton:

On August 30, 2001 per your request, an investigation was conducted at the Tampico Middle School in Tampico Illinois. The investigation was conducted by Steve Johnson of our Rockford Regional Office. Yourself and Krista Morthland (from the Whiteside County Health Department) were present during the investigation. This investigation centered on the mold contamination in the resource room of the school.

During our investigation we noted the following:

- 1) No mold growth was observed in the resource room. A limited walk through of other areas of the school was also conducted and again there was no observed mold growth.
- 2) The air handling unit for the resource room had been repaired. In addition, a dehumidifier was in operation in the room. Fans were also being used to speed the drying of the carpet (because of the steam cleaning; according to your staff, there was very little water damage to the carpet).
- 3) Air samples and wipe samples had been collected by a private company just prior to our arrival
- 4) The surfaces in the resource room had been cleaned and repainted.
- 5) The carpet had been shampooed and then steam cleaned several days later.
- 6) A new vacuum with a HEPA filter had been purchased for cleaning.
- 7) The books had been cleaned.
- 8) Some dust was observed on the book shelves.
- 9) Several ceiling tiles had been removed. These tiles were water stained from the air handling unit (no mold growth was observed on the backsides of most of the tiles, the remaining tiles may have had some mold growth but it was very limited).
- 10) The resource room has remained unoccupied since this problem was discovered.

At this point in time, the only recommendations that we have are;

- 1) Clean the book shelves again
- 2) Do not occupy the room until the test results are back.
- 3) Leave the dehumidifier permanently in the room.

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If you would like our Department to review the results of the mold tests, please fax them to our Rockford Regional Office at 815/987-7822. Please include the testing parameters such as, the method used to collect the samples, the air flow, surface area wiped, etc.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact to contact myself or Steve Johnson at our Rockford Regional Office, 4302 North Main Street, Rockford Illinois 61103, telephone 815/987-7511.

Sincerely,



Roger J. Ruden, P.E.
Regional Engineer

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- Rockford Regional Office
- Whiteside County Health Department