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Art Commare
Belvidere School Administrative Office
1201 5th Ave
Belvidere, IL 61008

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DEPARTMENT OF
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

Dear Mr. Commare:

On November 27, 2001 per your request, an investigation was conducted at the Washington Elementary School in Belvidere Illinois. The investigation was conducted by Steve Johnson of our Rockford Regional Office. The investigation centered on the past mold contamination in several classrooms.

During our investigation we noted the following;

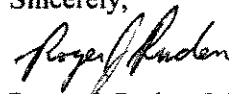
- 1) The source of the water problem in the affected classrooms had been corrected.
- 2) Water or mold damaged books and wood shelving had been previously removed or cleaned.
- 3) No mold growth was observed in the affected classrooms. There was an odor noted in two classrooms (120 & 125).

Moisture control is essential to preventing further mold growth. It is our understanding that the moisture source in the affected classrooms has been corrected by lining the gutters. It is also our understanding that not all the gutters have been lined. We strongly recommend that you line the remaining gutters as soon as possible to prevent future moisture problems in other areas of the building. We have enclosed a set of guidelines addressing mold cleanup and remediation for future use.

You are aware that our Department is not able to sample for molds. We also normally do not recommend that mold sampling be done. Should you decide to do some mold sampling, we recommend that a qualified person be contacted and at a minimum, rooms 120 and 125 be sampled.

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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