

Dear Mr. Meyer,

To ensure the health and safety of all DOI building occupants, the GSA Modernization team has had an industrial hygiene contractor (SaLUT, Inc.) conduct air monitoring for both asbestos and lead based paint. All air sampling results were within regulatory guidelines (See attached SaLUT report summary).

(See attached file: July-2006-SaLUT.pdf)

In addition to the routine asbestos and lead based paint air monitoring, the GSA Safety, Environment, & Fire Protection Branch has been conducting weekly proactive Total Volatile Organic Compound (TVOC) and Particulate air screenings within the DOI-Main Building. These screenings are used to monitor and help improve the engineering controls utilized by the Modernization Contractor (Grunley), and to minimize the occurrence of construction odors/dust in occupied areas. Screening results for July of 2006 indicate that all parameters tested were within regulatory and comfort guidelines, with the exception of the following two locations.

On July 7, 2006, a pipe chase adjacent Rooms 7046 and 6046 yielded TVOC readings above normal background levels (less than 1.3 ppm). These pipe chases were immediately isolated (sealed with polyethylene plastic) and an inspection of the Modernization area was conducted. No TVOC sources were discovered. Subsequent testing indicated TVOC levels returned to normal background levels.

Copies of all GSA weekly air sampling, as well as, SaLUT's daily air sampling has been forwarded to your office.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

James Hodges, CHMM Industrial Hygienist GSA Safety, Environment, and Fire Protection Branch

1. PROJECT SUMMARY

Soil and Land Use Technology, Inc. (SaLUT) was contracted by the General Services Administration to perform Industrial Hygiene monitoring during the renovation and demolition activities associated with the Department of Interior Main Modernization project located at 19th and C St., NW in Washington, DC. Mr. Juan Rodriguez, Mr. Wualter Hernandez, and Ms. Sithmini Meegoda performed the inspections and sampling during this time.

Work commenced on October 23, 2004 and continues to date. This report covers the period from July 3 - 28, 2006. Goel Construction is the contractor conducting the demolition and abatement that involves lead-based painted building components and the removal of asbestos containing materials (ACM). A minor amount of lead abatement was conducted in the Basement Level Garage Area Zone 3 on July 8.

2. ASBESTOS ABATEMENT ACTIVITIES

Abatement of asbestos containing pipe and duct insulation began on June 13, 2006 on the Mechanical Level and is currently in progress. On July 3, abatement of pipe insulation and fittings was performed on the Basement Level. From July 3 - 28, ambient air sampling continued to be conducted in the corridors of the occupied areas.

3. INSPECTION AND SAMPLING

SaLUT's Industrial Hygienist, who has successfully completed the NIOSH 582 or equivalent course, analyzed all asbestos air samples on site. The air analysis results are enclosed in the Appendix B of this report. The criterion for occupancy is less than 0.01 fibers per cubic centimeter (0.01f/cc).

Ambient air samples were collected throughout the building every day and remained within guidelines.

4. EVALUATIONS AND CONCLUSIONS

Ambient air sampling documentation includes: Daily Summaries (Appendix A), PCM Air Sample Data Sheets (Appendix B). Asbestos abatement monitoring includes: Daily Summaires (Appendix C), PCM Air Sample Data Sheets (Appendix D). Lead sampling includes: Lab Results (Appendix E). This project continues to date.