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# **RIVER22002**

Riverside School District Attention: Brian West, Director of Facilities 300 Davis St. Taylor, PA 18517

# RE: MERCURY VAPOR EXPOSURE CHARACTERIZATIONS RIVERSIDE EAST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL MULTIPURPOSE ROOM MOOSIC, PA

Dear Mr. West:

**Pennoni** is providing this report to the **Riverside School District** to document the Mercury Vapor Exposure Characterizations performed at the Riverside East Elementary School in Moosic, PA.

# BACKGROUND

Pennoni was contracted by the Riverside School District to provide industrial hygiene consultations during removal of a rubberized gymnasium flooring from the East Elementary School's Multipurpose Room. Testing of the flooring facilitated by Pennoni confirmed the presence of Mercury in concentrations ranging from 8.3 to 49 parts per million (ppm). As a part of this project, Pennoni was requested by the District to characterize potential occupant exposures to Mercury vapors during representative conditions within the room.

The exposure characterizations were performed using guidelines and criteria established by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA), the Pennsylvania Department of Health (PA DOH), the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Agency for Toxic Substance and Disease Registry (ATSDR) and the New Jersey Department of Health (NJ DOH). The exposure characterization consisted of collection of air samples within the targeted Multipurpose Room and an adjacent area (Stage). Details on the collection activities, findings and recommendations are provided in this report.

## MERCURY VAPOR EXPOSURE CHARACTERIZATION

Pennoni representative Mike Baltrusaitis, CHMM, CSP conducted the exposure characterization on July 15, 2022. Pennoni was escorted by Riverside personnel during all onsite activities. The results identified from this characterization are based on the monitored timeframe. Modifications to activities, ventilation settings, and environmental conditions such as temperature and humidity may result in varying exposures. The following conditions were identified during the monitored timeframe:

- Occupancy during the monitoring period was limited to maintenance and office staff in other areas of the building. The Multipurpose Room is currently being used as a staging area for desks, chairs and school supplies during the annual classroom cleaning protocols.
- Monitoring occurred during an eight-hour timeframe during first shift hours (e.g. approximately 8:00AM to 4:30PM) under reportedly typical seasonal operating conditions.
- Measured ambient temperatures within the Multipurpose Room were 76-78°Fahrenheit (°F) and 40-44% relative humidity.
- A review of the Multipurpose Room did not identify any further potential sources of mercury (i.e. broken thermostat ampoules, thermometers, etc.).

Flooring material within the Multipurpose Room was in serviceable condition with minimal signs of deterioration (cracks, wear, holes); however, some bubbling or delamination was observed reportedly due to excessive moisture collecting under the floor system. Flooring does not extend into adjoining areas (Kitchen, Stage, Hallways).

A floor plan depicting the Multipurpose Room and adjoining areas is provided in Appendix A.

Air samples were collected in accordance with the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) Method 6009 at heights representing the greatest potential exposure to students (e.g. approximately 36 inches). The samples were collected using Gillian personal air sampling pumps, associated collection devices (low flow adapters), and laboratory-supplied collection media (sorbent tube, SKC, Inc. 226-17-1A). All sampling pumps were calibrated with a BIOS International DryCal DC-Lite (Model Number DCLT 5K) primary calibration device prior to sample collection and verified at the completion of sample collection to document flow rate in accordance with the respective analytical method.

All samples were submitted to SGS Galson Laboratories, East Syracuse, New York, for analysis. SGS Galson Laboratories is an American Industrial Hygiene Association (AIHA) Accredited Industrial Hygiene Laboratory (LQAP #100324) for the above-referenced method. Results of samples were compared to the public/occupational criteria summarized in Table 1.

	Table 1 Public Health/Occupational Mercury Exposure Criteri	a
Entity	Source/Name	Criteria
USEPA	Action Level/School Air Quality Guidelines	1 μg/m <sup>3</sup>
PA DOH	School Air Quality Guidelines	1 μg/m <sup>3</sup>
NJ DOH	NJAC 8:50 <sup>1</sup>	0.8 μg/m <sup>3</sup>
ATSDR	Action Level for Schools	1 μg/m <sup>3</sup>
OSHA	Permissible Exposure Limit	100 μg/m <sup>3</sup>
MIOCH	Recommended Exposure Limit	50 μg/m <sup>3</sup>
NIO2U	Ceiling Value	100 μg/m <sup>3</sup>
ACGIH	Threshold Limit Value	25 μg/m <sup>3</sup>

USEPA: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

PA DOH: Pennsylvania Department of Health

OSHA: Occupational Safety and Health Administration

NIOSH: National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health

 $\mu g/m^3$ : Micrograms per cubic meter

<sup>1</sup>Protective level for children as young as three years old, based on an exposure frequency of 8-hours per day for 180 days.

In accordance with the referenced analytical method and standard industrial hygiene practices, a field blank sample was collected at the onset of sampling activities and submitted for analysis in accordance with standard industrial hygiene practices. The analytical results from this sample did not indicate the necessity for blank adjustment.

Analytical results from this characterization are summarized in Table 2. Laboratory Analytical Reports and the associated chain of custody form are provided in Appendix B.

	Table 2- Analytical Results Me Riverside School District: East Eleme July 15,	rcury Vapor entary Schoo 2022	via NIOSH 6009 I Multipurpose Room				
Sample ID	Location Type Run Time Results						
RIVER-071522-01	O1     Multipurpose Room @ Middle, Kitchen Side     Area     8:13AM-4:26PM     <0.30 μg/m <sup>3</sup>						
RIVER-071522-02	Multipurpose Room @ Middle, Stage Side	Area	8:15AM-4:34PM	<0.32 μg/m <sup>3</sup>			
RIVER-071522-03	Stage, Center	Area	8:18AM-4:35PM	<0.29 μg/m <sup>3</sup>			
RIVER-071522-04	Field Blank	Blank		<0.03 µg			

 $\mu g/m^3$ : Micrograms per cubic meter

<: Not detected above laboratory/method reporting limit

# CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Analytical results of samples collected during representative conditions on July 15, 2022 in the Riverside East Elementary School identified Mercury Vapor concentrations below referenced public health and occupational exposure criteria.

Pennoni maintains our recommendation to remove the mercury-containing flooring in accordance with an established work plan that includes provisions for site controls, protection removal practices and transport/disposal in accordance with U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) and Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PA DEP) regulations.

Maintain this report indefinitely per the PA Right-to-Know Act, 34 PA Code 301-323. Notify employees annually of their rights to access this information.

If you have any questions concerning this report or if you require additional information, please feel free to contact us.

Sincerely,

PENNONI ASSOCIATES INC.

Mike Baltrusaitis, CHMM, CSP Sr. Health and Safety Professional

Rocco DiPietro, CSP Sr. Health and Safety Professional

Attachments Appendix A – Floor Plan Appendix B – Laboratory Analytical Report and Chain of Custody **APPENDIX A** 

Floor Plan



APPENDIX B

Laboratory Analytical Report and Chain of Custody



Mr. Mike Baltrusaitis Pennoni 1337 Veterans Memorial Drive Jessup, PA 18434 July 21, 2022

Account# 37668

Login# L569593

Dear Mike Baltrusaitis:

Enclosed are the analytical results for the samples received by our laboratory on July 18, 2022. All samples on the chain of custody were received in good condition unless otherwise noted. Any additional observations will be noted on the chain of custody.

Please contact client services at (888) 432-5227 if you would like any additional information regarding this report. Thank you for using SGS Galson.

Sincerely,

SGS Galson

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Enclosure(s)



## ANALYTICAL REPORT

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- Unless otherwise noted within the report, all quality control results associated with the samples were within established control limits or did not impact reported results.
- Note: The findings recorded within this report were drawn from analysis of the sample(s) provided to the laboratory by the Client (or a
  third party acting at the Client's direction). The laboratory does not have control over the sampling process, including but not limited to
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  used by the Client. The findings herein constitute no warranty of the sample's representativeness of any sampled environment, and
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- Unless otherwise noted within the report, results have not been blank corrected for any field blank or method blank data.

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State	Accreditation/Recognition	Lab ID#	Program/Sector
New York (NYSDOH)	ELAP and NELAC (TNI)	Lab ID: 11626	Air Analysis, Solid and Hazardous Waste
Louisiana (LDEQ)	LELAP	Lab ID: 04083	Air Analysis, Solid Chemical Materials

## Legend

< - Less than	mg - Milligrams	MDL - Method Detection Limit	ppb - Parts per Billion
> - Greater than	ug - Micrograms	NA - Not Applicable	ppm - Parts per Million
I - Liters	m3 - Cubic Meters	NS - Not Specified	ppbv - ppb Volume
LOQ - Limit of Quantitation	kg - Kilograms	ND - Not Detected	ppmv - ppm Volume
ft2 - Square Feet	cm2 - Square Centimeters	in2 - Square Inches	ng - Nanograms

6601 Kirkville Road East Syracuse, NY 13057 (315) 432-5227 FAX: (315) 437-0571 www.sgsgalson.com	<b>GALSON</b> Client Site Project No. Date Sampled Date Received	LABORATORY ANALYSIS REPORT : Pennoni : RIVERSIDE EAST ELEMENTARY : RIVER22002 : 15-JUL-22 : 18-JUL-22 : 18-JUL-22	Account No.: 37668 Login No. : L569593 Date Analyzed : 21-JUL-22 Report ID : 1310545
Mercury, Vapor			
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Approved by: JJL		
Submitted by: BJP/EJB	Date : 21-JUL-22	Supervisor : KEG
Level of Quantitation: 0.030 ug	Analytical Method : mod. NIOSH 6009; CVAA TUBE	Collection Media : 226-17-1A



LABORATORY FOOTNOTE REPORT

# GALSON

Client Name : Pennoni Site : RIVERSIDE EAST ELEMENTARY Project No. : RIVER22002

Date Sampled : 15-JUL-22 Date Received: 18-JUL-22 Date Analyzed: 21-JUL-22

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L569593 (Report ID: 1310545):

Reported results reflect elemental analysis of the requested metals. Certain compounds may not be solubilized during digestion, resulting in data that is For applicable NYS sampling events, laboratory accreditation through NYSDOH applies only to Lead results. biased low. SOPs: MT-SOP-20(17), im-hgair(30)

L569593 (Report ID: 1310545):

Accuracy and mean recovery data presented below is based on a 95% confidence interval (k=2). The estimated accuracy applies to the media, technology, and SOP referenced in this report and does not account for the uncertainty associated with the sampling process. The accuracy is based solely on spike recovery data from internal quality control samples. Where N/A appears below, insufficient data is available to provide statistical accuracy and mean recovery values for the associated analyte.

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Parameter	Mercury, Vapor

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