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ASBESTOS MONITORING DURING TRANSITE REMOVAL AT A-1128
FOR PLANT A REFRIGERATION

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SUMMARY

Area asbestos monitoring was done during a transite removal job at A-1128 Refrigeration Shop on October 4, and October 17, 1988. The monitoring was done to ensure that the approved asbestos handling procedures would result in acceptable airborne concentrations of asbestos.

All measured asbestos concentrations were well below the OSHA Permissible Exposure Limit (PEL) of 0.2 fibers per cubic centimeter. The highest level found was 0.006 fibers/cc during the transite removal job.

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**ASBESTOS MONITORING DURING TRANSITE REMOVAL
AT A-1128 FOR PLANT A REFRIGERATION.**

INTRODUCTION

Area monitoring for asbestos was done during the removal of transite siding on the Plant A Refrigeration Shop, A-1128. The removal was done by Industrial Specialist Contractors. The monitoring was done to ensure that the use of approved job procedures would result in acceptable airborne concentrations of asbestos.

CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

1. All measured asbestos concentrations were well below the OSHA Permissible Exposure Limit (PEL) of 0.2 fibers per cubic centimeter. The highest level found was 0.006 fibers per cubic centimeter during the transite removal. All exposures were potential since workers within the regulated areas wore half-face respirators with high-efficiency particulate air (HEPA) cartridges.
2. Texas Operations asbestos handling procedures must always be followed. The Texas Operations Asbestos Handbook and Safety Standard T-12 must be reviewed. These procedures are designed to make the transite removal jobs safe. If these procedures are not followed, a potentially serious exposure or safety situation may result. For this reason, the asbestos handling procedures must be reviewed, understood, and enforced by all personnel involved in the asbestos removal jobs.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Table I shows the results of area monitoring during the removal of transite siding. The highest area measurement was 0.006 fibers per cubic centimeter, located down wind on the restricted perimeter line. Results showed that all measured concentrations were well below the OSHA PEL of 0.2 fibers per cubic centimeters.

The results clearly show that the potential for harmful exposure to asbestos during the transite removal jobs is very low. However, improvement is needed in the asbestos handling procedures (i.e. pre-job meetings, ensuring job procedures are followed, etc.). These procedures are designed to make the transite removal jobs safe. For this reason, the asbestos handling procedures must be reviewed, understood, and enforced by all personnel involved in the asbestos removal jobs.

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**ASBESTOS MONITORING DURING TANSITE REMOVAL
AT A-1128 FOR PLANT A REFRIGERATION**

METHODOLOGY

Asbestos samples were collected using Gilian HFS 513A and 113A air sampling pumps. A known volume of air was pulled through a 25 millimeter mixed cellulose ester membrane filter, 0.8 micron pore size. Samples were collected at a flow rate of approximately 2.0 liters per minute. The pumps were calibrated before and after the sampling, and the samples were counted by McKee Environmental Health Services using phase contrast microscopy. NIOSH method 7400 used.

EVALUATION CRITERIA

The evaluation of exposure levels was based on the following criterion:

<u>AGENT</u>	<u>EXPOSURE GUIDELINE</u>	<u>SOURCE</u>
Asbestos	0.2 fibers/cc	OSHA (PEL)

The OSHA Permissible Exposure Limit (PEL) is the time-weighted average concentration for a normal 8-hour workday, 40-hour work week, to which nearly all workers may be repeatedly exposed without adverse health effects.

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TABLE I

ASBESTOS MONITORING DURING TRANSITE REMOVAL
AT A-1128 FOR PLANT A REFRIGERATION

Area	Sample Number	Date	Sample Time (Min)	Concentration (fibers/cc) TWA
In shop on top of cabinet near side working	1-10388	10-4-88	394	0.002
In shop area on back side - on top face shield case	2-10388	10-4-88	398	0.004
Outside perimeter line down wind	3-10388	10-4-88	387	0.006
Inside office area located near outside door	4-10388	10-4-88	399	0.005
Inside shop area near removal site	1-101788	10-17-88	420	0.001
Inside shop area near removal site	2-101788	10-17-88	420	0.001
OSHA PEL				0.2

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INDUSTRIAL HYGIENE SAMPLING RECORD

FILE NO. <i>A11-3403</i>	PROCESS <i>Maint Shop -</i>	BLDG.	DATE <i>10-4-88</i>
MATERIAL <i>Asbestos</i>	SAMPLING METHOD <i>25mm filter</i>	TRAPPING MEDIUM	
TYPE OF PUMP <i>Chas. Hg</i>	FLOW SET <i>2 lpm</i>	FLOW RATE	FLOW FACTOR
REMARKS (VENTILATION, ETC.) <i>Ind. Spec - Removing transite siding from - A-1128 Shop - dusts - lined off area - etc -</i>			

SAMPLE NO	SAMPLE DESCRIPTION		ROTO-METER	TIME	TOTAL TIME (MIN)
CL-1-10388	PUMP S/N 1261	START		8:50	394
	In shop on top of Cabinet nearest side where working	STOP		33:25	
	TOTAL LITERS AIR: 789.7				
	Analysis: fibers/cm ³ → 5.10				
CL-2-10388	PUMP S/N 2097C	START		8:46	398
	In shop area on back side - of shop on top w/ safety face shield case	STOP		3:25	
	TOTAL LITERS AIR: 815.1				
	Analysis: fibers/cm ³ → 8.92				
CL-3-10388	PUMP S/N 1256C	START		8:50	387
	Outside on mainline downwind	STOP		325	
	TOTAL LITERS AIR: 778.8				
	Analysis: fibers/cm ³ → 11.46				

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INDUSTRIAL HYGIENE SAMPLE RECORD

FILE NO.	PROCESS	LDG.	DATE
MATERIAL	SAMPLING METHOD		TRAPPING MEDIUM
TYPE OF PUMP	FLOW SET	FLOW RATE	FLOW FACTOR
REMARKS (VENTILATION, ETC.)			

SAMPLE NO	SAMPLE DESCRIPTION		ROTO-METER	TIME	TOTAL TIME (MIN)
CL-4-10388	PUMP S/N 1260-C	START		8:40	399
	Area - Inside	STOP		3:21	
	office entrance	TOTAL LITERS AIR: 795.4			
	from outside -				
	Analysis: fibers/mm ² → 10.19	10.19 = 35 (circled) - 2.025			

CL-5-10388	PUMP S/N	START			ST0015384
	Blank	STOP			
	TOTAL LITERS AIR:				
	Analysis: fibers/mm ² → <0.6				

PUMP S/N	START			
	STOP			
	TOTAL LITERS AIR :			

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Asbestos - *During Minusite Removal*
A-1128 Area

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FLOW	AVERAGE	# SAMPLES
2020	2020	01
2032	2026	02
2026	2026	03
2021	2025	04
2022	2024	05
2025	2024	06
2029	2025	07

FLOW	AVERAGE	# SAMPLES
2623	2623	01

2097C

FLOW	AVERAGE	# SAMPLES
1995	1995	01
1999	1997	02
1995	1996	03
1996	1996	04
1994		

2097C *After Monday*

OW	AVERAGE	# SAMPLES
2020	2020	01
2029	2025	02
2024	2024	03
2022	2024	04
2025	2024	05
2025	2024	06

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FLOW	AVERAGE	# SAMPLES
2012	2012	01
2009	2011	02
2009	2010	03
2014	2011	04
2010	2011	05
2016	2012	06
2014	2012	07

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#12057 - Area Sample
Time on: 8:05
Time off: 3:05
(420)

CS #1 - 101788
flow - 2018

2097C - Area Sample
Time on: 8:05
Time off: 3:05
(420)

CS #2 - 101788
flow - 2010

Blank

CS #3 - 101788

INDUSTRIAL HYGIENE SAMPLE RECORD

FILE NO.	PROCE. <i>Maintenance Shop A1128</i>	LDG. <i>A1128</i>	DATE <i>10-17-88</i>
MATERIAL	SAMPLING METHOD		TRAPPING MEDIUM
TYPE OF PUMP	FLOW SET	FLOW RATE	FLOW FACTOR
REMARKS (VENTILATION, ETC.) <i>Area monitoring during Removal of transit siding on the Refrigeration Shop A-1128</i>			

SAMPLE NO	SAMPLE DESCRIPTION		ROTO-METER	TIME	TOTAL TIME (MIN)
CS#1- 101 8	PUMP S/N <i>12057</i>	START		8:05	420
	<i>Flow - 2018</i>	STOP		3:05	
	TOTAL LITERS AIR: 859				
	<i>Area sampled in shop -</i>				
	<i>Fiber/CC = 1.27 $(1.27 -) 385 = .0005 \rightarrow 0.001$ 859 (1000)</i>				
CS#2 101-88	PUMP S/N <i>2097C</i>	START		8:05	420
	<i>Flow - 2018</i>	STOP		3:05	
	TOTAL LITERS AIR: 964.8				
	<i>Area sampled in shop -</i>				
	<i>Fibers/CC = 3.82 $(3.82 - 1.27) 385 = 0.001 -$ 964.8 (1000)</i>				
CS#3 10-17-88	PUMP S/N	START			
		STOP			
	TOTAL LITERS AIR:				
	<i>Blank</i>				
	<i>Fiber/CC = 1.27</i>				

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