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TECHNICAL REPORT

Project No. **A09560**
Date: **25-Feb-10**

To: **J. Poston**
From: **C. Fleming**
Analyst(s): **C. Fleming, J. Sulik, A. Zamurs**
Copy: **A. Russell, S. Sharma, J. Pier**

Title: **TEM ASBESTOS ANALYSIS OF HOUSTON PRODUCT SAMPLES**
November 2009

Request: Three samples, representing products of Guangxi ore milled at Houston were submitted to the Technical Center for asbestos analysis by transmission electron microscopy (TEM). This analysis is in partial fulfillment of RTM's Fiber Management Framework Program.

Results: The attached TEM results were obtained using the current ASTM draft method "Standard test method for indirect analysis of talc by transmission electron microscopy for asbestos mass concentration." This method is currently being developed by ASTM committee D22.07 (Sampling and Analysis of Asbestos) and is a modification of ASTM method D 5756 "Standard test method for microvacuum sampling and indirect analysis of dust by transmission electron microscopy for asbestos mass surface loading." The modification is to adapt existing methodology to the specific analysis of talc products and/or ore samples.

A program of laboratory "blank" analysis is in place and has been used to determine the detection limit for this analysis according to ASTM method D 6620, "Standard practice for asbestos detection limit based on counts."

A09560 TEM Analysis Results

Table 1. Result Summary

			AMPHIBOLE			CHRYSTILE		
Sample Description		Sample No.	Number of Structures		Fiber Concentration	Number of Structures		Asbestos Concentration
			≥5 μm	<5 μm	ppm	≥5 μm	<5 μm	ppm
██████████ ██████████	██████████	██████████	■	■	██████████	■	■	██████████
██████████ ██████████	██████████	██████████	■	■	██████████	■	■	██████████
Grade 25 USP Composite	November 2009	A09560-3	0	0	BDL	0	0	BDL

BDL = Below detection limit, as defined by ASTM D 6620

A09560 TEM Analysis Parameters

Table 2. Analysis parameters

							AMPHIBOLE		CHRYSTILE	
Sample Description		Sample No.	Starting Weight	Aliquot Filtered	Grid Spaces Analyzed	Total Sample Analyzed	Analytical Sensitivity*	Detection Limit	Analytical Sensitivity*	Detection Limit
			g	mL	#	ng	ppm	ppm	ppm	ppm
[REDACTED]		[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]		[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Grade 25 USP Composite	November 2009	A09560-3	0.2441	0.2	10	47.0	0.020	0.13	0.013	0.09

*Analytical Sensitivity is defined by ASTM D 5756 as the detection of one structure with minimum dimensions.



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TECHNICAL REPORT

Project No. **A10016**

Date: **25-Feb-10**

To: **J. Poston**

From: **Andrew Zamurs**

Analyst(s): **C. Fleming, J. Sulik, A. Zamurs**

Copy: **A. Russell, S. Sharma**

Title: **TEM ASBESTOS ANALYSIS OF HOUSTON PRODUCT SAMPLES
DECEMBER 2009**

Request: Three samples, representing products of Guangxi ore milled at Houston were submitted to the Technical Center for asbestos analysis by transmission electron microscopy (TEM). This analysis is in partial fulfillment of RTM's Fiber Management Framework Program.

Results: The attached TEM results were obtained using the current ASTM draft method "Standard test method for indirect analysis of talc by transmission electron microscopy for asbestos mass concentration." This method is currently being developed by ASTM committee D22.07 (Sampling and Analysis of Asbestos) and is a modification of ASTM method D 5756 "Standard test method for microvacuum sampling and indirect analysis of dust by transmission electron microscopy for asbestos mass surface loading." The modification is to adapt existing methodology to the specific analysis of talc products and/or ore samples.

A program of laboratory "blank" analysis is in place and has been used to determine the detection limit for this analysis according to ASTM method D 6620, "Standard practice for asbestos detection limit based on counts."

A10016 TEM Analysis Results

Table 1. Result Summary

			AMPHIBOLE			CHRYSTILE		
Sample Description		Sample No.	Number of Structures		Fiber Concentration	Number of Structures		Asbestos Concentration
			≥5 μm	<5 μm	ppm	≥5 μm	<5 μm	ppm
██████████	██████████	██████████	■	■	██████████	■	■	██████████
██████████	██████████	██████████	■	■	██████████	■	■	██████████
Grade 25 USP Composite	December 2009	A10016-3	0	0	BDL	0	0	BDL

BDL = Below detection limit, as defined by ASTM D 6620

A10016 TEM Analysis Parameters

Table 2. Analysis parameters

Table 2. Analysis parameters							AMPHIBOLE		CHRYSTILE	
Sample Description		Sample No.	Starting Weight	Aliquot Filtered	Grid Spaces Analyzed	Total Sample Analyzed	Analytical Sensitivity*	Detection Limit	Analytical Sensitivity*	Detection Limit
			g	mL	#	ng	ppm	ppm	ppm	ppm
██████████ ██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████
██████████ ██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████
Grade 25 USP Composite	December 2009	A10016-3	0.2503	0.2	10	48.2	0.019	0.13	0.013	0.09

*Analytical Sensitivity is defined by ASTM D 5756 as the detection of one structure with minimum dimensions.



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ORE ANALYSIS REPORT

Date: February 4, 2010

To: [REDACTED]

Reported by: Julie Pier

Copy: J. Poston, E. Ronald, S. Wulf

Results:

The following composite ore sample, representing the MV Blunenau Gaungxi #2 shipment to Houston was analyzed by X-ray diffraction (XRD) for the presence of amphibole minerals and quartz. The sample was also analyzed by transmission electron microscopy (TEM) for the presence of asbestiform minerals. The requested tests are in partial fulfillment of specifications required by [REDACTED].

	Guangxi #2 Composite MV Blunenau A10044-1
Analytical Lab Code:	
Specification:	
<i>Initial Ore Results – After Grinding (1B)</i>	
3.14 Percent Fibrous Amphibole (CTFA J4-1)	
Part A (X-ray Diffraction):	None detected
Part B (Optical Microscopy):	Not required
3.15 Percent Free Crystalline Silica Quartz (CTFA Method J6-1) (X-Ray Diffraction)	None detected
<i>TEM Results – After Grinding (1C)</i>	
3.16 Asbestos by Transmission Electron Microscope (TM 7024)	None detected



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TECHNICAL REPORT

Project No. **A10077**
Date: **27-Apr-10**

To: **J. Poston**
From: **C. Slowik**

Analyst(s): **C. Slowik, J. Sulik, A. Zamurs**
Copy: **A. Russell, S. Sharma, J. Pier**

Title: **TEM ASBESTOS ANALYSIS OF HOUSTON PRODUCT SAMPLES**
JANUARY 2010

Request: Three samples, representing products of Guangxi ore milled at Houston, were submitted to the Technical Center for asbestos analysis by transmission electron microscopy (TEM). This analysis is in partial fulfillment of RTM's Fiber Management Framework Program.

Results: The attached TEM results were obtained using the current ASTM draft method "Standard test method for indirect analysis of talc by transmission electron microscopy for asbestos mass concentration." This method is currently being developed by ASTM committee D22.07 (Sampling and Analysis of Asbestos) and is a modification of ASTM method D 5756 "Standard test method for microvacuum sampling and indirect analysis of dust by transmission electron microscopy for asbestos mass surface loading." The modification is to adapt existing methodology to the specific analysis of talc products and/or ore samples.

A program of laboratory "blank" analysis is in place and has been used to determine the detection limit for this analysis according to ASTM method D 6620, "Standard practice for asbestos detection limit based on counts."

A10077 TEM Analysis Results

Table 1. Result Summary

			AMPHIBOLE			CHRYBOTILE		
Sample Description		Sample No.	Number of Structures		Fiber Concentration	Number of Structures		Asbestos Concentration
			≥5 μm	<5 μm	ppm	≥5 μm	<5 μm	ppm
██████████ ██████████	██████████	██████████	■	■	██████████	■	■	██████████
██████████ ██████████	██████████	██████████	■	■	██████████	■	■	██████████
Grade 25 USP Composite	January 2010	A10077-3	0	0	BDL	0	0	BDL

BDL = Below detection limit, as defined by ASTM D 6620

A10077 TEM Analysis Parameters

Table 2. Analysis parameters

Table 2. Analysis parameters							AMPHIBOLE		CHRYSTILE	
Sample Description		Sample No.	Starting Weight	Aliquot Filtered	Grid Spaces Analyzed	Total Sample Analyzed	Analytical Sensitivity*	Detection Limit	Analytical Sensitivity*	Detection Limit
			g	mL	#	ng	ppm	ppm	ppm	ppm
██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████
██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████
Grade 25 USP Composite	January 2010	A10077-3	0.2617	0.2	10	50.4	0.019	0.12	0.012	0.08

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TECHNICAL REPORT

Project No. **A10123**

Date: **30-Apr-10**

To: **J. Poston**

From: **J. Sulik**

Analyst(s): **C. Fleming, J. Sulik, A. Zamurs**

Copy: **A. Russell, S. Sharma**

Title: **TEM ASBESTOS ANALYSIS OF HOUSTON PRODUCT SAMPLES
FEBRUARY 2010**

Request: Three samples, representing products of Guangxi ore milled at Houston were submitted to the Technical Center for asbestos analysis by transmission electron microscopy (TEM). This analysis is in partial fulfillment of RTM's Fiber Management Framework Program.

Results: The attached TEM results were obtained using the current ASTM draft method "Standard test method for indirect analysis of talc by transmission electron microscopy for asbestos mass concentration." This method is currently being developed by ASTM committee D22.07 (Sampling and Analysis of Asbestos) and is a modification of ASTM method D 5756 "Standard test method for microvacuum sampling and indirect analysis of dust by transmission electron microscopy for asbestos mass surface loading." The modification is to adapt existing methodology to the specific analysis of talc products and/or ore samples.

A program of laboratory "blank" analysis is in place and has been used to determine the detection limit for this analysis according to ASTM method D 6620, "Standard practice for asbestos detection limit based on counts."

A10123 TEM Analysis Results

Table 1. Result Summary

			AMPHIBOLE			CHRYSTILE		
Sample Description		Sample No.	Number of Structures		Fiber Concentration	Number of Structures		Asbestos Concentration
			≥5 μm	<5 μm	ppm	≥5 μm	<5 μm	ppm
██████████ ██████████	██████████	██████████	■	■	██████████	■	■	██████████
██████████ ██████████	██████████	██████████	■	■	██████████	■	■	██████████
Grade 25 USP Composite	February 2010	A10123-3	0	0	BDL	0	0	BDL

BDL = Below detection limit, as defined by ASTM D 6620

A10123 TEM Analysis Parameters

Table 2. Analysis parameters

							AMPHIBOLE		CHRYBOTILE	
Sample Description		Sample No.	Starting Weight	Aliquot Filtered	Grid Spaces Analyzed	Total Sample Analyzed	Analytical Sensitivity*	Detection Limit	Analytical Sensitivity*	Detection Limit
			g	mL	#	ng	ppm	ppm	ppm	ppm
[REDACTED]		[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]		[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Grade 25 USP Composite	February 2010	A10123-3	0.2536	0.2	10	48.8	0.019	0.13	0.013	0.08

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TECHNICAL REPORT

Project No. **A10178**
Date: **13-May-09**

To: **J. Poston**
From: **Andrew Zamurs**
Analyst(s): **C. Fleming, A. Zamurs**
Copy: **A. Russell, S. Sharma**

Title: **TEM ASBESTOS ANALYSIS OF HOUSTON PRODUCT SAMPLES**
MARCH 2010

Request: Three samples, representing products of ore milled at Houston were submitted to the Technical Center for asbestos analysis by transmission electron microscopy (TEM). This analysis is in partial fulfillment of RTM's Fiber Management Framework Program.

Results: The attached TEM results were obtained using the current ASTM draft method "Standard test method for indirect analysis of talc by transmission electron microscopy for asbestos mass concentration." This method is currently being developed by ASTM committee D22.07 (Sampling and Analysis of Asbestos) and is a modification of ASTM method D 5756 "Standard test method for microvacuum sampling and indirect analysis of dust by transmission electron microscopy for asbestos mass surface loading." The modification is to adapt existing methodology to the specific analysis of talc products and/or ore samples.

A program of laboratory "blank" analysis is in place and has been used to determine the detection limit for this analysis according to ASTM method D 6620, "Standard practice for asbestos detection limit based on counts."

A10178 TEM Analysis Results

Table 1. Result Summary

			AMPHIBOLE			CHRYSTILE		
Sample Description		Sample No.	Number of Structures		Fiber Concentration	Number of Structures		Asbestos Concentration
			≥5 μm	<5 μm	ppm	≥5 μm	<5 μm	ppm
██████████ ██████████	██████████	██████████	■	■	██████████	■	■	██████████
██████████ ██████████	██████████	██████████	■	■	██████████	■	■	██████████
Grade 25 USP Composite	March 2010	A10178-3	0	0	BDL	0	0	BDL

BDL = Below detection limit, as defined by ASTM D 6620

A10178 TEM Analysis Parameters

Table 2. Analysis parameters

							AMPHIBOLE		CHRYSTILE	
Sample Description		Sample No.	Starting Weight	Aliquot Filtered	Grid Spaces Analyzed	Total Sample Analyzed	Analytical Sensitivity*	Detection Limit	Analytical Sensitivity*	Detection Limit
			g	mL	#	ng	ppm	ppm	ppm	ppm
[REDACTED]		[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]		[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Grade 25 USP Composite	March 2010	A10178-3	0.2367	0.2	10	45.6	0.021	0.14	0.014	0.09

*Analytical Sensitivity is defined by ASTM D 5756 as the detection of one structure with minimum dimensions.



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ORE ANALYSIS REPORT

Date: May 14, 2010

To: [REDACTED]

Reported by: Andrew Zamurs

Copy: J. Poston, E. Ronald, S. Wulf

Results:

The following composite ore sample, representing the MV Beilun Dolphin Gaungxi #2 shipment to Houston was analyzed by X-ray diffraction (XRD) for the presence of amphibole minerals and quartz. The sample was also analyzed by transmission electron microscopy (TEM) for the presence of asbestiform minerals. The requested tests are in partial fulfillment of specifications required by [REDACTED].

	Guangxi #2 Composite MV Beilun Dolphin A10201-1
Analytical Lab Code:	
[REDACTED] Specification:	
<i>Initial Ore Results – After Grinding (1B)</i>	
3.14 Percent Fibrous Amphibole (CTFA J4-1)	
Part A (X-ray Diffraction):	None detected
Part B (Optical Microscopy):	Not required
3.15 Percent Free Crystalline Silica Quartz (CTFA Method J6-1) (X-Ray Diffraction)	0.1% (Passes Test)
<i>TEM Results – After Grinding (1C)</i>	
3.16 Asbestos by Transmission Electron Microscope (TM 7024)	None detected



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TECHNICAL REPORT

Project No. **A10227**

Date: **25-Aug-10**

To: **J. Poston**

From: **Andrew Zamurs**

Analyst(s): **K. Dorsey, J. Sulik, A. Zamurs**

Copy: **A. Russell, S. Sharma, J. Pier**

Title: **TEM ASBESTOS ANALYSIS OF HOUSTON PRODUCT SAMPLES**
APRIL 2010

Request: Three samples, representing products milled at Houston were submitted to the Technical Center for asbestos analysis by transmission electron microscopy (TEM). This analysis is in partial fulfillment of RTM's Fiber Management Framework Program.

Results: The attached TEM results were obtained using the current ASTM draft method "Standard test method for indirect analysis of talc by transmission electron microscopy for asbestos mass concentration." This method is currently being developed by ASTM committee D22.07 (Sampling and Analysis of Asbestos) and is a modification of ASTM method D 5756 "Standard test method for microvacuum sampling and indirect analysis of dust by transmission electron microscopy for asbestos mass surface loading." The modification is to adapt existing methodology to the specific analysis of talc products and/or ore samples.

A program of laboratory "blank" analysis is in place and has been used to determine the detection limit for this analysis according to ASTM method D 6620, "Standard practice for asbestos detection limit based on counts."

A10227 TEM Analysis Results

Table 1. Result Summary

			AMPHIBOLE			CHRYBOTILE		
Sample Description		Sample No.	Number of Structures		Fiber Concentration	Number of Structures		Asbestos Concentration
			≥5 μm	<5 μm	ppm	≥5 μm	<5 μm	ppm
██████████	██████████	██████████	■	■	██████████	■	■	██████████
██████████	██████████	██████████	■	■	██████████	■	■	██████████
Grade 25 USP Composite	April 2010	A10227-3	0	0	BDL	0	0	BDL

BDL = Below detection limit, as defined by ASTM D 6620

A10227 TEM Analysis Parameters

Table 2. Analysis parameters

Table 2. Analysis parameters							AMPHIBOLE		CHRYSOTILE	
Sample Description		Sample No.	Starting Weight	Aliquot Filtered	Grid Spaces Analyzed	Total Sample Analyzed	Analytical Sensitivity*	Detection Limit	Analytical Sensitivity*	Detection Limit
			g	mL	#	ng	ppm	ppm	ppm	ppm
██████████ ██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████
██████████ ██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████
Grade 25 USP Composite	April 2010	A10227-3	0.2505	0.4	10	96.5	0.010	0.06	0.006	0.04

*Analytical Sensitivity is defined by ASTM D 5756 as the detection of one structure with minimum dimensions.



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TECHNICAL REPORT

Project No. **A10268**
Date: **13-Oct-10**

To: **J. Poston**
From: **J. Sulik**
Analyst(s): **K. Dorsey, J. Sulik, A. Zamurs**
Copy: **S. Sharma, J. Pier**

Title: **TEM ASBESTOS ANALYSIS OF HOUSTON PRODUCT SAMPLES**
May-10

Request: Three samples, representing products of Chinese ore milled at Houston were submitted to the Technical Center for asbestos analysis by transmission electron microscopy (TEM). This analysis is in partial fulfillment of RTM's Fiber Management Framework Program.

Results: The attached TEM results were obtained using the current ASTM draft method "Standard test method for indirect analysis of talc by transmission electron microscopy for asbestos mass concentration." This method is currently being developed by ASTM committee D22.07 (Sampling and Analysis of Asbestos) and is a modification of ASTM method D 5756 "Standard test method for microvacuum sampling and indirect analysis of dust by transmission electron microscopy for asbestos mass surface loading." The modification is to adapt existing methodology to the specific analysis of talc products and/or ore samples.

A program of laboratory "blank" analysis is in place and has been used to determine the detection limit for this analysis according to ASTM method D 6620, "Standard practice for asbestos detection limit based on counts."

A10268 TEM Analysis Results

Table 1. Result Summary

			AMPHIBOLE			CHRYSOTILE		
Sample Description		Sample No.	Number of Structures		Fiber Concentration	Number of Structures		Asbestos Concentration
			≥5 μm	<5 μm	ppm	≥5 μm	<5 μm	ppm
██████████ ██████████	██████████	██████████	■	■	██████████	■	■	██████████
██████████ ██████████	██████████	██████████	■	■	██████████	■	■	██████████
Grade 25 USP Composite	May 2010	A10268-3	0	0	BDL	0	0	BDL

BDL = Below detection limit, as defined by ASTM D 6620

A10268 TEM Analysis Parameters

Table 2. Analysis parameters

Table 2. Analysis parameters							AMPHIBOLE		CHRYSTILE	
Sample Description		Sample No.	Starting Weight	Aliquot Filtered	Grid Spaces Analyzed	Total Sample Analyzed	Analytical Sensitivity*	Detection Limit	Analytical Sensitivity*	Detection Limit
			g	mL	#	ng	ppm	ppm	ppm	ppm
██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████
██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████
Grade 25 USP Composite	May 2010	A10268-3	0.2443	0.4	10	94.1	0.010	0.07	0.007	0.04

*Analytical Sensitivity is defined by ASTM D 5756 as the detection of one structure with minimum dimensions.



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TECHNICAL REPORT

Project No. **A10341**

Date: **13-Oct-10**

To: **J. Poston**

From: **J. Sulik**

Analyst(s): **K. Dorsey, J. Sulik, A. Zamurs**

Copy: **S. Sharma, J. Pier**

Title: **TEM ASBESTOS ANALYSIS OF HOUSTON PRODUCT SAMPLES**
Jun-10

Request: Three samples, representing products of Chinese ore milled at Houston were submitted to the Technical Center for asbestos analysis by transmission electron microscopy (TEM). This analysis is in partial fulfillment of RTM's Fiber Management Framework Program.

Results: The attached TEM results were obtained using the current ASTM draft method "Standard test method for indirect analysis of talc by transmission electron microscopy for asbestos mass concentration." This method is currently being developed by ASTM committee D22.07 (Sampling and Analysis of Asbestos) and is a modification of ASTM method D 5756 "Standard test method for microvacuum sampling and indirect analysis of dust by transmission electron microscopy for asbestos mass surface loading." The modification is to adapt existing methodology to the specific analysis of talc products and/or ore samples.

A program of laboratory "blank" analysis is in place and has been used to determine the detection limit for this analysis according to ASTM method D 6620, "Standard practice for asbestos detection limit based on counts."

A10341 TEM Analysis Results

Table 1. Result Summary

			AMPHIBOLE			CHRYSOTILE		
Sample Description		Sample No.	Number of Structures		Fiber Concentration	Number of Structures		Asbestos Concentration
			≥5 μm	<5 μm	ppm	≥5 μm	<5 μm	ppm
██████████ ██████████	██████████	██████████	■	■	██████████	■	■	██████████
██████████ ██████████	██████████	██████████	■	■	██████████	■	■	██████████
Grade 25 USP Composite	June 2010	A10341-3	0	0	BDL	0	0	BDL

BDL = Below detection limit, as defined by ASTM D 6620

A10341 TEM Analysis Parameters

Table 2. Analysis parameters

Table 2. Analysis parameters							AMPHIBOLE		CHRYSTILE	
Sample Description		Sample No.	Starting Weight	Aliquot Filtered	Grid Spaces Analyzed	Total Sample Analyzed	Analytical Sensitivity*	Detection Limit	Analytical Sensitivity*	Detection Limit
			g	mL	#	ng	ppm	ppm	ppm	ppm
██████████ ██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████
██████████ ██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████
Grade 25 USP Composite	June 2010	A10341-3	0.2790	0.4	10	107.4	0.009	0.06	0.006	0.04

*Analytical Sensitivity is defined by ASTM D 5756 as the detection of one structure with minimum dimensions.



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TECHNICAL REPORT

Project No. **A10391**

Date: **27-Oct-10**

To: **John Poston**

From: **Jennie Sulik**

Analyst(s): **C. Slowik, J. Sulik, A. Zamurs**

Copy: **S. Sharma, J. Pier**

Title: **TEM ASBESTOS ANALYSIS OF HOUSTON PRODUCT SAMPLES**
Jul-10

Request:

Two samples, representing products of Yellowstone and Chinese #2 ore milled at Houston were submitted to the Technical Center for asbestos analysis by transmission electron microscopy (TEM). This analysis is in partial fulfillment of RTM's Fiber Management Framework Program.

Results:

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A10391 TEM Analysis Results

Table 1. Result Summary

Sample Description			AMPHIBOLE			CHRYSTILE		
			Number of Structures		Fiber Concentration	Number of Structures		Asbestos Concentration
			≥5 μm	<5 μm	ppm	≥5 μm	<5 μm	ppm
██████████	██████████	██████████	■	■	██████████	■	■	██████████
Grade 25 USP Composite	July 2010	A10391-2	0	0	BDL	0	0	BDL

BDL = Below detection limit, as defined by ASTM D 6620

A10391 TEM Analysis Parameters

Table 2. Analysis parameters

							AMPHIBOLE		CHRYBOTILE	
Sample Description		Sample No.	Starting Weight	Aliquot Filtered	Grid Spaces Analyzed	Total Sample Analyzed	Analytical Sensitivity*	Detection Limit	Analytical Sensitivity*	Detection Limit
			g	mL	#	ng	ppm	ppm	ppm	ppm
████████	████████	████████	████████	████████	████████	████████	████████	████████	████████	████████
Grade 25 USP Composite	July 2010	A10391-2	0.2530	0.4	10	97.4	0.010	0.06	0.006	0.04

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Sample Description			AMPHIBOLE			CHRYBOTILE		
			Number of Structures		Fiber Concentration	Number of Structures		Asbestos Concentration
			≥5 μm	<5 μm	ppm	≥5 μm	<5 μm	ppm
██████████	██████████	██████████	■	■	██████████	■	■	██████████
Grade 25 USP Composite	August 2010	A10430-2	0	0	BDL	0	0	BDL
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A10430 TEM Analysis Parameters

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							AMPHIBOLE		CHRYBOTILE	
Sample Description		Sample No.	Starting Weight	Aliquot Filtered	Grid Spaces Analyzed	Total Sample Analyzed	Analytical Sensitivity*	Detection Limit	Analytical Sensitivity*	Detection Limit
			g	mL	#	ng	ppm	ppm	ppm	ppm
██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████
Grade 25 USP Composite	August 2010	A10430-2	0.2228	0.4	10	85.8	0.011	0.07	0.007	0.05
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