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**Customer Name:** AGX. Inc. Sample Date: January 28, 2020 207 Pine Creek Road **Customer Address:** Date Received: January 30, 2020 Wexford, PA 15090 Date of Report: February 4, 2020

**Customer Phone:** (724) 934-4249 (724) 934-5677 Fax: PO Number: Attention: **Amber Brancolini** 

Project Name/Number: Summit Twp. Elementary

Customer samp		-	-	lv iden	tified I	by pre	fixing Labora	atorv #		1897	-20		
Gustomer samp			Trap Analysis Analytical M	3	-	USMS	AllergencoD	y #		. 501			
Total Volume (L)			75	etiloa.	l	75				75			
Sample Number			S-01				S-02		S-03				
Location:		Room 2				Room 4				Room 7			
Particle ID	Raw ct.	AS	Spores/m³	%	Raw ct.	AS Spores/m <sup>3</sup> %			Raw ct.	AS	Spores/m³	%	
Alternaria													
Ascospores	1	13	13	7%									
Aspergillus/Penicillium-like	11	13	143	73%									
Basidiospores	1	13	13	7%	2	13	26	100%	1	13	13	100%	
Bipolaris/Drechslera													
Cercospora													
Chaetomium													
Cladosporium	2	13	26	13%									
Curvularia													
Epicoccum													
Helicomyces													
Nigrospora													
Oidium													
Pithomyces/Ulocladium													
Polythrincium													
Rusts													
Smuts/ Myxomycetes													
Stachybotrys													
Torula													
Trichoderma													
Unidentified dematiaceous conidia													
Unidentified hyaline conidia													
Total Mold (Spores/m³ of air)	15		195		2		26		1		13		
Pollen	0	13	< 13		0	13	< 13		0	13	< 13		
Hyphal Fragments													
Insect Fragments													
Plant Fragments													
Skin Cell Fragments			1	1			1				1		
Debris			2				2				2		
Analyst Initials			LS				LS				LS		
Date Analyzed			01/31/20				01/31/20			0.7.7	01/31/20		
Cassette Serial # / Exp Date:		322	0276 10/2020			322	0269 10/2020			322	0263 10/2020		

Cassette Serial # / Exp Date: 3220276 10/2020 3220269 10/2020

Entire trace analyzed. Results relate only to the samples tested. Results are reported as calculated. For biological data, the first and/or second digit should be considered significant. Total percentage may not equal 100% due to rounding. Percentages reported as 0% are greater than 0 and less than 0.5%. The Aspergillus/Penicllium-like category cannot be differentiated by non-viable sampling methods.

AS=Analytical Sensitivity (spore/m<sup>3</sup>); Blank Lines = None Detected

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Customer sampl			Trap Analysis	;	- AllergencoD							
			Analytical M	ethod:		USMS-	-M008					
Total Volume (L)			75			75					75	
Sample Number			S-04		S-05				S-06			
Location:		Room 6				Sto	rage Room	_			Room 14	
Particle ID	Raw ct.	AS	Spores/m³	%	Raw ct.	AS	Spores/m³	%	Raw ct.	AS	Spores/m³	%
Alternaria												
Ascospores									1	13	13	20%
Aspergillus/Penicillium-like					35	13	455	88%	3	13	39	60%
Basidiospores	4	13	52	100%	3	13	39	8%	1	13	13	20%
Bipolaris/Drechslera	-			100,0								
Cercospora												
Chaetomium												
Cladosporium					2	13	26	5%				
Curvularia					_			0,0				
Epicoccum												
Helicomyces												
Nigrospora												
Oidium												
Pithomyces/Ulocladium												
· ·												
Polythrincium												
Rusts												
Smuts/ Myxomycetes												
Stachybotrys												
Torula Trichoderma												
Unidentified dematiaceous conidia												
Unidentified hyaline conidia												
_												
Total Mold (Spores/m³ of air)	4		52		40		520		5		65	
(Opores/iii or air)	J 4		52		40		520		_ 5		65	
Pollen	0	13	< 13		0	13	< 13		0	13	< 13	
Hyphal Fragments												
Insect Fragments												
Plant Fragments												
Skin Cell Fragments			1		4						1	
Debris			2		1 2						2	
Analyst Initials			LS				LS				LS	
Date Analyzed			01/31/20				01/31/20				01/31/20	
Cassette Serial # / Exp Date:		322	20268 10/2020			322	0264 10/2020			322	0270 10/2020	

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Oustomer samp	Airborne	Spore	Trap Analysis							1897		
Tatal Malaura (II)			Analytical M	etnoa:		USMS-M008						
Total Volume (L) Sample Number			S-07				75					
Sample Number			5-07				S-08					
Location:	Raw	ı	Office	1	Raw	Outside						
Particle ID	ct.	AS	Spores/m³	%	ct.	AS	Spores/m <sup>3</sup>	%	Raw ct.	AS	Spores/m <sup>3</sup>	%
Alternaria												
Ascospores												
Aspergillus/Penicillium-like												
Basidiospores	4	13	52	100%	2	13	26	100%				
Bipolaris/Drechslera	-			100,0	_							
Cercospora												
Chaetomium												
Cladosporium												
Curvularia												
Epicoccum												
Helicomyces												
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Nigrospora Oidium												
Pithomyces/Ulocladium												
Polythrincium												
Rusts												
Smuts/ Myxomycetes												
Stachybotrys												
Torula Trichoderma												
Unidentified dematiaceous conidia												
Unidentified hyaline conidia												
_												
Total Mold (Spores/m³ of air)	4		52		2		26					
Pollen	0	13	< 13		0	13	< 13					
Hyphal Fragments Insect Fragments												
Plant Fragments												
g												
Skin Cell Fragments			1				1					
Debris Debris			2		1							
Analyst Initials			LS				LS					
Date Analyzed			01/31/20				01/31/20					
Cassette Serial # / Exp Date:		322	0258 10/2020			321	9834 10/2020					

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Customer sample numbers below are uniquely identified by prefix							fixing Laboratory # 1897-20								
	Di			copic E											
Customer Sample Number	1		S-09			<u> </u>					Ī				
·															
Sample Description/ Location		oom 4	- Cha	lkboar	d			ı	1	1		ı	ı	ı	1
Particle ID	Rare Amt	Few	Mod	Many	Num	Rare Amt	Few	Mod	Many	Num	Rare Amt	Few	Mod	Many	Num
Alternaria conidia															
Ascospores															
Aspergillus fruiting structures															
Aspergillus/Penicillium-like conidia	Х														
Basidiospores															
Bipolaris/Drechslera conidia															
Chaetomium ascospores															
Cladosporium conidia		Х													
Curvularia conidia															
Epicoccum conidia															
Hyphal Fragments	Х														
Insect fragments															
Penicillium fruiting structures															
Pithomyces/Ulocladium conidia															
Plant fragments															
Pollen (unidentified)															
Rusts															
Smuts/ Myxomycetes															
Stachybotrys conidia															
Stachybotrys fruiting structures															
Torula conidia															
Unidentified dematiaceous conidia															
Unidentified hyaline conidia															
Skin Cell Fragments			1												
Debris			1												
No fungal conidia/hyphal fragments noted															
Analyst Initials			LS												
Date Analyzed		C	)1/31/2	20											
Lot # / Exp Date:Swab		1909	527 09	/2020					•					•	
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Results relate only to the samples tested. The Aspergillus/Penicillium-like category cannot be differentiated by non-viable sampling methods. Mod = Moderate; Num = Numerous

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# GUIDELINES FOR DIRECT MICROSCOPIC EXAMINATION - (DME) OF BULK, SWAB AND TAPE SAMPLES

These guidelines are not intended for determination of health significance nor are they necessarily representative of unacceptable indoor environments.

Molds require a food source, moisture, and spore production to proliferate, removing any one of these factors can control fungal growth. However, because of their ubiquitous nature, spores can never be completely eliminated from an area.

	RELATIVE ABUNDA	ANCE OF CONIDIA (SPORES) AND HYPHAL FRAGMENTS
RATING	<sup>1</sup> Relative Amounts of Observed Fungal Structures per high power field (600X)	SIGNIFICANCE
Rare	0-1	Indicates a minimal amount of conidia (spores) and/or other fungal structures. Most normal indoor surfaces will show no to low fungal conidia/hyphal fragments. Generally, water indicator molds such as <b>Stachybotrys</b> or <b>Chaetomium</b> should be further investigated.
Few	2-5	Indicates low amounts of settled conidia (spores). Typically, this amount is not consistent with active fungal growth, however, it may suggest an active source nearby, or that a surface has not been cleaned appropriately. The presence of hyphal fragments or fruiting structures may indicate a nearby source of contamination. Generally, the presence of moisture indicator molds (e.g., <i>Stachybotrys</i> or <i>Chaetomium</i> ) may suggest a chronic or acute water condition from sources such as roofs, plumbing leaks, increased humidity, etc.
Moderate	6-10	Indicates a moderate to heavy amount of fungal contamination (conidia/spores). Generally, this category is indicative of a surface that is, or has been affected, by active fungal growth. The presence of fruiting structures or hyphal fragments may support the premise that fungal growth is on-going. However, the
Many	11-100	presence of moderate to numerous conidia/spores alone does not necessarily indicate the viability of the spores. Further investigation of the affected areas may be warranted.
Numerous	>100	Indicates that the sample area was highly contaminated with fungal spores and/or hyphal fragments.  Samples in this category display an unusually high number of conidia/spores or other fungal structures in each microscopic field.

<sup>&#</sup>x27;This scale of relative abundance is affected by the size of the sampled area. If very large areas are sampled with a swab for example, this may cause the results to be skewed into a lower or higher category. These results correspond, roughly, to a sample area measuring one square inch.

	SKIN CELL ANALYSIS							
SKIN CELL RATING	Relative Amounts of Observed Skin Cells per high power field (600 X)							
0	No skin cells present							
1	0-1							
2	2 to 5							
3	6 to 10							
4	11 to 15							
5	≥16							

	DEBRIS RATING for DME ANALYSIS (using 600X magnification)								
DEBRIS RATING	CONDITIONS FOR REPORTING DEBRIS RATING	SIGNIFICANCE							
0	Debris is not present.	Sample may be a blank sample or from a very clean or remediated area.							
1	Debris is present and <10% of the average viewing field is obscured.	Minimal amount of debris is observed.							
2	Debris is present and 10% to <40% of the average viewing field is obscured.	Low amount of debris is observed, relative amounts of conidia/hyphal fragments may be affected.							
3*	Debris is present and 40% to 75% of the average viewing field is obscured.	Moderate amount of debris is observed, relative amounts of conidia/hyphal fragments may be underestimated.							
4*	Debris is present and >75% of the average viewing field is obscured.	High amount of debris is observed, relative amounts of conidia/hyphal fragments are estimated.							
6	Slide completely obscured by excessive debris.	Unable to analyze. Recollect sample.							

<sup>\*</sup> A debris rating of 3 or greater indicates that the accuracy of the analysis is likely affected.

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### SPORE TRAP INTERPRETATION TIPS

Currently there are no numeric standards for indoor airborne or surface microbial contamination. Suggested guidelines are constantly being reviewed and updated as more information is collected.

Some common denominators should be considered when interpreting results:

- 1. Comparison of indoor/outdoor concentration ratios.
- 2. Complaint vs. non-complaint areas or affected vs. non-affected areas.
- 3. Consider air exchange rates and activity levels in a building structure, weather, and season of the year.
- 4. Rank order assessment and concentration (e.g. Spores/m<sup>3</sup> of air) of the fungi.
- 5. Predominant fungal genera: Are there water indicator microorganisms present, such as but not limited to: *Chaetomium*, *Stachybotrys*, *Rhodotorula*, *Trichoderma*, and *Scopulariopsis*.
- 6. Generally the fungal counts indoors should be lower than outdoor counts and the types of fungi found indoors should be similar to outdoors.
- 7. There is always a potential bias from infiltration of outdoor air, poor housekeeping, excessive indoor relative humidity, or potential contamination sources (e.g. water intrusion through a basement wall) that may negatively influence post remedial verification (PRV) or clearance levels.
- 8. The investigator should look for various patterns among the indoor types of molds detected:
  - a. Increased levels of primary (1st) colonizers in damp or moisture intrusion areas of homes or commercial buildings: **Aspergillus/Penicillium** or **Cladosporium** are usually noted.
  - b. **Chaetomium** or **Stachybotrys** are tertiary (3rd) colonizers of indoor materials and are usually associated with chronic long standing water/moisture issues in a building.
  - c. The presence of *hyphal fragments* or *fruiting structures* noted on spore trap samples usually indicates amplification (growth) of fungion building substrates.
  - d. **Ascospores** and **basidiospores** noted on indoors spore trap samples most often represent the entrance of inadequately filtered outdoor air. During inclement weather, remember to note time, temperature, and season. Most indoor materials will not support the growth of these fungi.
- 9. When unidentified hyaline (clear) or dematiaceous (dark-pigmented) conidia are noted on a spore trap sample, it indicates that no particular fungus can be identified. These fungal conidia may represent such yeast-like fungi as *Aureobasidium*, *Sporidiobolus*, unidentifiable *Acremonium* species, Basidiomycetes (basidiospores), and Ascomycetes (ascospores).
- 10. Keep in mind when interpreting spore trap sample reports, that indoor levels may be higher than corresponding outdoor levels (winter time in the Northern U.S.) with a predominance of *Aspergillus/Penicillium* or *Cladosporium* conidia with no significant amplification of any molds.

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# SPORE TRAP GUIDELINES FOR INDOOR MICROBIAL CONTAMINATION

	DEBRIS RATING for SPORE TRAP ANALYSIS (using 600X magnification)  (Air-O-Cell, Micro 5, Allergenco D, Cyclex d, VersaTrap, etc.)								
DEBRIS RATING	CONDITIONS FOR REPORTING DEBRIS RATING	SIGNIFICANCE							
0	A visible trace, including particulates and debris, is not observed.	Indicates the sample was a blank, the area is exceptionally clean, or improper sampling occurred.							
1	Debris is present and <10% of the average viewing field is obscured.	Minimal amount of debris is observed.							
2	Debris is present and 10% to <40% of the average viewing field is obscured.	Low amount of debris is observed, counts may be affected.							
3*	Debris is present and 40% to 75% of the average viewing field is obscured.	Moderate amount of debris is observed, counts of conidia/hyphal fragments may be underestimated.							
4*	Debris is present and >75% of the average viewing field is obscured.	High amount of debris is observed, counts are estimated.							
5* See Relative Abundance chart below	Excessive debris is present	Periphery of trace analyzed. Relative amounts of conidia/hyphal fragments noted. Suggest recollection.							
6	Slide completely obscured by excessive debris.	Unable to analyze. Recollect sample.							

<sup>\*</sup> A rating of 3 or greater indicates that the accuracy of the analysis is likely affected.

	RELATIVE ABUNDANCE of OBSERVED CONIDIA & HYPHAL FRAGMENTS
RATING	Relative Amounts of Observed Fungal Structures per high power field (600X)
Rare	0-1
Few	2 to 5
Moderate	6 to 10
Many	11 to 100
Numerous	>100

	SKIN CELL ANALYSIS
SKIN CELL RATING	Relative Amounts of Observed Skin Cells per high power field (600X)
0	No skin cells present
1	0-1
2	2 to 5
3	6 to 10
4	11 to 15
5	≥16

\*End of Report\*

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# LABORATORY TEST REQUEST - CHAIN OF CUSTODY

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Address:	207 F	ine Cree	k Road		City: Wexford	City: Wexford State: PA Zip: 1					
Attention To:	Ambe	er Branco	olini		E-Mail: abrancolini@agxinc.com						
Sample Obtained	By:	Amber B	rancolini		Results: FAX F-Mail	PO#	Proposal #	<b>#</b>			
Project Name/Number: Summit TwP. Elementary											
Turn-Around-Tim (Spore Trap & DI			Standard (48	-72 hr) No	ext Day (24 hr, M-F) Same Day (6 hr, M	Л-F) 3-Hour	(M-F)	Satu	urday		
Comments:											
Sample #		mple / Time	Sample Code	Analysis Code	Sample Location & Des	scription		Sam Volum			
5-01	1-28-2	>	ST	SPT	Room 2		75	1			
5~02					Room 4						
5-03		2			Room 7	-					
5-04					Room 6						
5-05					Storage Roo	m					
5-06					Room 14						
5-07					office						
5-08			V outside								
5-09	5-09 V S DME Room 4-Chalkboard Ise.iv								'n.		
Relinquished By (Customer MUST sign)  Authorized Exercised Side American Date & Time 1-28-20 / 5:45 pm											
Received By – La	ab Use On				Date & Time ()-3()-2() ()	905 Lab#	897-1	20			

Sample Code					
Air Plate					
Bulk					
Spore Trap					
Swab					
Water					
Tape					
Other					

Analysis Code			
DME	Direct Microscopic Exam	HPC	Heterotrophic Plate Count
SPT	Spore Trap	мүс	Mycobacteria Culture
FUNG	Fungal Culture – Counts w/ ID of top 3 organisms	STA	Staphylococcus / MRSA Culture
BACT	Bacterial Culture - Counts w/ ID of top 3 organisms	DUO	Duodenoscope Culture
SSQT	Sewage Screen (quant) – Counts w/ Identification E. coli, coliforms, enterococci (fecal streptococci)	нси	Heater/Cooler Water Culture includes mycobacteria, HPC, coliforms, & P. aeruginosa
SSQL	Sewage Screen (qualitative) – Identification of E. coli, coliforms, enterococci (fecal streptococci)	PSA	Pseudomonas aeruginosa Culture
COL	Colilert - Presence/absence of E. coli, coliforms	IDS	Species Identification by MALDI-TOF

<sup>\*</sup>All samples received after 1:00 p.m. Monday-Friday will be considered received the NEXT business day. Same Day and Next Day samples received on Saturday will be reported on Monday and Tuesday, respectively.