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31 January 2008

Mr. Joseph T. Martella II, Senior Engineer  
RIDEM - Office of Waste Management  
Site Remediation Program  
235 Promenade Street  
Providence, Rhode Island 02908

RE: January 2008 Air Sampling Event Letter  
Adelaide Avenue School, 333 Adelaide Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island  
Case No. 2005-029  
EA Project No. 61965.01

Dear Mr. Martella:

On behalf of the Providence Department of Public Property (City), EA Engineering, Science, and Technology, Inc. (EA) is providing this summary of the data collected at the referenced Adelaide Avenue School site (the Site) during January 2008.

On 25 January 2008 and in accordance with the Order of Approval and amendments (Amended OA) for this Site, your Office was notified via telephone that Tetrachloroethylene was detected within one of the indoor air samples (Media Center/Room 145) collected on 8 January 2008 at a concentration ( $8.9 \text{ ug/m}^3$ ) that is greater than the applicable Indoor Air Action Level ( $5.0 \text{ ug/m}^3$ ) for this compound. This sample result was inconsistent with historical indoor data for the site (generally less than  $0.5 \text{ ug/m}^3$ ) and for the Media Center/Room 145 in particular. Furthermore, much lower concentrations were detected beneath the school slab on the same sampling date, indicating that soil vapor intrusion was not the cause for the elevated concentration within the Media Center/Room 145. EA immediately visited the school to verify that the sub-slab depressurization (SSD) system was operating and interviewed the school librarian to evaluate possible causes of the elevated sampling result. The SSD System was operating effectively and no information suggesting a cause for the elevated sample result was identified.

As a precautionary measure, EA made immediate arrangements to pick-up sampling canisters to collect confirmatory air samples at the site, and to have an expedited turnaround (24-hour) of the analyses from the laboratory (Alpha Woods Hole Labs, Mansfield, MA) on the next business day. EA also requested that the analytical laboratory review their handling and analysis procedures relative to the 8 January 2008 sampling event. Upon researching their records and procedures, Alpha Woods Hole Labs notified EA that there was a strong likelihood that the sample was inadvertently cross-contaminated by equipment used to process a highly contaminated air sample (Tetrachloroethylene concentration of  $239,000 \text{ ug/m}^3$ ) processed at their facility prior to receipt of the school samples.

On 28 January 2008, EA re-sampled the indoor air within the Media Center/Room 145, the outdoor ambient air, and the sub-slab air from directly beneath the Media Center/Room 145 (MP-8). The samples were transported to the laboratory and analyzed within 24-hours of receipt. Consistent with historical sampling results, all three samples collected on 28 January indicated Tetrachloroethylene



concentrations at or below the laboratory's reporting limit of 0.14 ug/m<sup>3</sup>. A copy of the associated laboratory report is attached.

In conclusion, the 8 January 2008 Tetrachloroethylene concentration for Media Center/Room 145 is not accurate as confirmed by the 28 January sampling event and as supported by the attached laboratory correspondence dated 29 January 2008 which explains the likely cross-contamination that occurred.

No SSD System modifications or other actions to address current site conditions are warranted or proposed at this time. The next monthly air sampling event for the school will be conducted in February 2008. If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact me at 401-736-3440, Ext. 216.

Sincerely,

EA ENGINEERING, SCIENCE,  
AND TECHNOLOGY, INC.

Peter M. Grivers, P.E., LSP  
Project Manager

Attachments

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Principal Torchon, Adelaide High School  
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**Attachment**

**Alpha Lab Data Report  
28 January 2008 Sampling Event**



## ANALYTICAL REPORT

Lab Number:	L0801231
Client:	EA Engineering, Science and Tech 2350 Post Road Warwick, RI 02886
ATTN:	Peter Grivers
Project Name:	ADELAIDE HIGH SCHOOL
Project Number:	6196501.1005
Report Date:	01/29/08

Certifications & Approvals: MA (M-MA030), NY (11627), CT (PH-0141), NH (2206), NJ (MA015), RI (LAC00299), ME (MA0030), PA (Registration #68-02089), LA NELAC (03090), FL NELAC (E87814), US Army Corps of Engineers.

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<b>Alpha Sample ID</b>	<b>Client ID</b>	<b>Sample Location</b>
L0801231-01	OUTDOOR AMBIENT	PROVIDENCE, RI
L0801231-02	ROOM 145	PROVIDENCE, RI
L0801231-03	MP-8	PROVIDENCE, RI

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### Case Narrative

The samples were received in accordance with the chain of custody and no significant deviations were encountered during preparation or analysis unless otherwise noted below.

I, the undersigned, attest under the pains and penalties of perjury that, to the best of my knowledge and belief and based upon my personal inquiry of those responsible for providing the information contained in this analytical report, such information is accurate and complete. This certificate of analysis is not complete unless this page accompanies any and all pages of this report.

Authorized Signature:



Title: Technical Director/Representative

Date: 01/29/08

**AIR**

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### SAMPLE RESULTS

**Lab ID:** L0801231-01  
**Client ID:** OUTDOOR AMBIENT  
**Sample Location:** PROVIDENCE, RI  
**Matrix:** Air  
**Anaytical Method:** 48,TO-15-SIM  
**Analytical Date:** 01/28/08 17:53  
**Analyst:** HM

**Date Collected:** 01/28/08 14:15  
**Date Received:** 01/28/08  
**Field Prep:** Not Specified

Parameter	ppbV		ug/m3		Qualifier	Dilution Factor
	Results	RDL	Results	RDL		
<b>Volatile Organic Compounds in Air by SIM</b>						
Tetrachloroethene	ND	0.020	ND	0.136		1





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### SAMPLE RESULTS

Lab ID: L0801231-02  
 Client ID: ROOM 145  
 Sample Location: PROVIDENCE, RI  
 Matrix: Air  
 Analytical Method: 48,TO-15-SIM  
 Analytical Date: 01/28/08 18:30  
 Analyst: HM

Date Collected: 01/28/08 14:20  
 Date Received: 01/28/08  
 Field Prep: Not Specified

Parameter	ppbV		ug/m3		Qualifier	Dilution Factor
	Results	RDL	Results	RDL		
Volatile Organic Compounds in Air by SIM						
Tetrachloroethene	ND	0.020	ND	0.136		1



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### SAMPLE RESULTS

Lab ID: L0801231-03  
 Client ID: MP-8  
 Sample Location: PROVIDENCE, RI  
 Matrix: Soil\_Vapor  
 Analytical Method: 48,TO-15-SIM  
 Analytical Date: 01/28/08 19:07  
 Analyst: HM

Date Collected: 01/28/08 14:40  
 Date Received: 01/28/08  
 Field Prep: Not Specified

Parameter	ppbV		ug/m3		Qualifier	Dilution Factor
	Results	RDL	Results	RDL		
<b>Volatile Organic Compounds in Air by SIM</b>						
Tetrachloroethene	0.021	0.020	0.140	0.136		1



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### Method Blank Analysis Batch Quality Control

Analytical Method: 48,TO-15-SIM

Analytical Date: 01/28/08 12:22

Parameter	ppbV		ug/m3		Qualifier	Dilution Factor
	Results	RDL	Results	RDL		
Volatile Organic Compounds in Air by SIM for sample(s): 01-03 Batch: WG309957-3						
1,1,1-Trichloroethane	ND	0.020	ND	0.109		1
1,1,1,2-Tetrachloroethane	ND	0.020	ND	0.137		1
1,1,2,2-Tetrachloroethane	ND	0.020	ND	0.137		1
1,1,2-Trichloroethane	ND	0.020	ND	0.109		1
1,1-Dichloroethane	ND	0.020	ND	0.081		1
1,1-Dichloroethene	ND	0.020	ND	0.079		1
1,2,4-Trimethylbenzene	ND	0.020	ND	0.098		1
1,2-Dibromoethane	ND	0.020	ND	0.154		1
1,2-Dichlorobenzene	ND	0.020	ND	0.120		1
1,2-Dichloroethane	ND	0.020	ND	0.081		1
1,2-Dichloropropane	ND	0.020	ND	0.092		1
1,3,5-Trimethylbenzene	ND	0.020	ND	0.098		1
1,3-Dichlorobenzene	ND	0.020	ND	0.120		1
1,4-Dichlorobenzene	ND	0.020	ND	0.120		1
Benzene	ND	0.200	ND	0.638		1
Bromodichloromethane	ND	0.020	ND	0.134		1
Bromoform	ND	0.020	ND	0.206		1
Carbon tetrachloride	ND	0.020	ND	0.126		1
Chlorobenzene	ND	0.020	ND	0.092		1
Chloroethane	ND	0.020	ND	0.053		1
Chloroform	ND	0.020	ND	0.098		1
Chloromethane	ND	0.500	ND	2.44		1
cis-1,2-Dichloroethene	ND	0.020	ND	0.079		1
cis-1,3-Dichloropropene	ND	0.020	ND	0.091		1
Dibromochloromethane	ND	0.020	ND	0.096		1



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Analytical Date: 01/28/08 12:22

Parameter	ppbV		ug/m3		Qualifier	Dilution Factor
	Results	RDL	Results	RDL		
Volatile Organic Compounds in Air by SIM for sample(s): 01-03 Batch: WG309957-3						
Dichlorodifluoromethane	ND	0.050	ND	0.247		1
Ethylbenzene	ND	0.020	ND	0.087		1
Methylene chloride	ND	0.800	ND	1.74		1
Methyl tert butyl ether	ND	0.020	ND	0.072		1
p/m-Xylene	ND	0.040	ND	0.174		1
o-Xylene	ND	0.020	ND	0.087		1
Styrene	ND	0.020	ND	0.085		1
Tetrachloroethene	ND	0.020	ND	0.136		1
Toluene	ND	0.020	ND	0.075		1
trans-1,2-Dichloroethene	ND	0.020	ND	0.079		1
trans-1,3-Dichloropropene	ND	0.020	ND	0.091		1
Trichloroethene	ND	0.020	ND	0.107		1
Trichlorofluoromethane	ND	0.050	ND	0.281		1
Vinyl chloride	ND	0.020	ND	0.051		1
Acrylonitrile	ND	0.500	ND	1.08		1
n-Butylbenzene	ND	0.500	ND	2.74		1
sec-Butylbenzene	ND	0.500	ND	2.74		1
Isopropylbenzene	ND	0.500	ND	2.46		1
p-Isopropyltoluene	ND	0.500	ND	2.74		1
Acetone	ND	2.00	ND	4.75		1
2-Butanone	ND	0.500	ND	1.47		1
4-Methyl-2-pentanone	ND	0.500	ND	2.05		1



## Lab Control Sample Analysis

Batch Quality Control

**Project Name:** ADELAIDE HIGH SCHOOL  
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Parameter	LCS %Recovery	LCS %Recovery	LCS %Recovery	RPD	RPD Limits
Volatile Organic Compounds in Air by SIM Associated sample(s): 01-03 Batch: WG309957-2					
1,1,1-Trichloroethane	122	-	70-130	-	-
1,1,1,2-Tetrachloroethane	112	-	70-130	-	-
1,1,2,2-Tetrachloroethane	78	-	70-130	-	-
1,1,2-Trichloroethane	94	-	70-130	-	-
1,1-Dichloroethane	106	-	70-130	-	-
1,1-Dichloroethene	116	-	70-130	-	-
1,2,4-Trimethylbenzene	97	-	70-130	-	-
1,2-Dibromoethane	86	-	70-130	-	-
1,2-Dichlorobenzene	98	-	70-130	-	-
1,2-Dichloroethane	150	-	70-130	-	-
1,2-Dichloropropane	76	-	70-130	-	-
1,3,5-Trimethylbenzene	93	-	70-130	-	-
1,3-Butadiene	94	-	70-130	-	-
1,3-Dichlorobenzene	103	-	70-130	-	-
1,4-Dichlorobenzene	103	-	70-130	-	-
Benzene	87	-	70-130	-	-
Bromodichloromethane	104	-	70-130	-	-
Bromoform	104	-	70-130	-	-
Bromomethane	108	-	70-130	-	-
Carbon tetrachloride	125	-	70-130	-	-
Chlorobenzene	91	-	70-130	-	-

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Parameter	LCS %Recovery	LCSD %Recovery	%Recovery Limits	RPD	RPD Limits
<b>Volatile Organic Compounds in Air by SIM Associated sample(s): 01-03 Batch: WG309957-2</b>					
Chloroethane	97	-	70-130	-	-
Chloroform	126	-	70-130	-	-
Chloromethane	88	-	70-130	-	-
cis-1,2-Dichloroethene	107	-	70-130	-	-
cis-1,3-Dichloropropene	92	-	70-130	-	-
Dibromochloromethane	92	-	70-130	-	-
Dichlorodifluoromethane	139	-	70-130	-	-
Ethylbenzene	89	-	70-130	-	-
1,1,2-Trichloro-1,2,2-Trifluoroethane	122	-	70-130	-	-
1,2-Dichloro-1,1,2,2-tetrafluoroethane	121	-	70-130	-	-
Methylene chloride	95	-	70-130	-	-
Methyl tert butyl ether	103	-	70-130	-	-
Naphthalene	106	-	70-130	-	-
p/m-Xylene	93	-	70-130	-	-
o-Xylene	91	-	70-130	-	-
Styrene	96	-	70-130	-	-
Tetrachloroethene	97	-	70-130	-	-
Toluene	79	-	70-130	-	-
trans-1,2-Dichloroethene	97	-	70-130	-	-
trans-1,3-Dichloropropene	100	-	70-130	-	-
Trichloroethene	106	-	70-130	-	-

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Parameter	LCS %Recovery	LCSD %Recovery	%Recovery Limits	RPD	RPD Limits
<b>Volatile Organic Compounds in Air by SIM Associated sample(s): 01-03 Batch: WG309957-2</b>					
1,2,4-Trichlorobenzene	101	-	70-130	-	-
Trichlorofluoromethane	150	-	70-130	-	-
Vinyl chloride	96	-	70-130	-	-
Acrylonitrile	105	-	70-130	-	-
n-Butylbenzene	88	-	70-130	-	-
sec-Butylbenzene	96	-	70-130	-	-
Isopropylbenzene	99	-	70-130	-	-
p-Isopropyltoluene	88	-	70-130	-	-
Acetone	104	-	70-130	-	-
2-Butanone	90	-	70-130	-	-
4-Methyl-2-pentanone	78	-	70-130	-	-

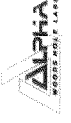


**Lab Duplicate Analysis**  
Batch Quality Control

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Parameter	Native Sample	Duplicate Sample	Units	RPD	RPD Limits
<b>Volatile Organic Compounds in Air by SIM Associated sample(s): 01-03 QC Batch ID: WG309957-4 QC Sample: L0801215-01 Client ID: DUP Sample</b>					
1,1,1-Trichloroethane	ND	ND	ppbV	NC	25
1,1,1,2-Tetrachloroethane	ND	ND	ppbV	NC	25
1,1,2,2-Tetrachloroethane	ND	ND	ppbV	NC	25
1,1,2-Trichloroethane	ND	ND	ppbV	NC	25
1,1-Dichloroethane	ND	ND	ppbV	NC	25
1,1-Dichloroethene	ND	ND	ppbV	NC	25
1,2,4-Trimethylbenzene	0.077	0.076	ppbV	2	25
1,2-Dibromoethane	ND	ND	ppbV	NC	25
1,2-Dichlorobenzene	ND	ND	ppbV	NC	25
1,2-Dichloroethane	0.030	0.028	ppbV	10	25
1,2-Dichloropropane	ND	ND	ppbV	NC	25
1,3,5-Trimethylbenzene	0.022	0.022	ppbV	0	25
1,3-Dichlorobenzene	ND	ND	ppbV	NC	25
1,4-Dichlorobenzene	0.369	0.382	ppbV	3	25
Benzene	0.367	0.369	ppbV	1	25
Bromodichloromethane	0.024	0.023	ppbV	1	25
Bromoform	ND	ND	ppbV	NC	25
Carbon tetrachloride	0.096	0.097	ppbV	1	25
Chlorobenzene	ND	ND	ppbV	NC	25





### Lab Duplicate Analysis Batch Quality Control

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Parameter	Native Sample	Duplicate Sample	Units	RPD	RPD Limits
Volatile Organic Compounds in Air by SIM Associated sample(s): 01-03 QC Batch ID: WG309957-4 QC Sample: L0801215-01 Client ID: DUP Sample					
Chloroethane	ND	ND	ppbv	NC	25
Chloroform	0.099	0.101	ppbv	2	25
Chloromethane	ND	ND	ppbv	NC	25
cis-1,2-Dichloroethene	ND	ND	ppbv	NC	25
cis-1,3-Dichloropropene	ND	ND	ppbv	NC	25
Dibromochloromethane	ND	ND	ppbv	NC	25
Dichlorodifluoromethane	0.811	0.842	ppbv	4	25
Ethylbenzene	0.107	0.099	ppbv	7	25
Methylene chloride	ND	ND	ppbv	NC	25
Methyl tert butyl ether	0.047	0.052	ppbv	10	25
p/m-Xylene	0.283	0.271	ppbv	4	25
o-Xylene	0.087	0.084	ppbv	4	25
Styrene	0.058	0.046	ppbv	22	25
Tetrachloroethene	0.049	0.047	ppbv	5	25
Toluene	1.43	1.42	ppbv	1	25
trans-1,2-Dichloroethene	ND	ND	ppbv	NC	25
trans-1,3-Dichloropropene	ND	ND	ppbv	NC	25
Trichloroethene	0.097	0.094	ppbv	3	25
Trichlorofluoromethane	2.47	2.54	ppbv	3	25

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Parameter	Native Sample	Duplicate Sample	Units	RPD	RPD Limits
Volatile Organic Compounds in Air by SIM	01-03	QC Batch ID: WG309957-4	QC Sample: L0801215-01	Client ID: DUP Sample	
Vinyl chloride	ND	ND	ppbv	NC	25



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Were project specific reporting limits specified? YES

**Cooler Information****Cooler**                      **Custody Seal**

N/A                              Absent

**Container Information**

<b>Container ID</b>	<b>Container Type</b>	<b>Cooler</b>	<b>pH</b>	<b>Temp</b>	<b>Pres</b>	<b>Seal</b>	<b>Analysis</b>
L0801231-01A	Canister - 6 Liter	NA	NA		NA	Absent	TO15-SIM
L0801231-02A	Canister - 6 Liter	NA	NA		NA	Absent	TO15-SIM
L0801231-03A	Canister - 2.7 Liter	NA	NA		NA	Absent	TO15-SIM

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## GLOSSARY

### **Acronyms**

- EPA - Environmental Protection Agency.  
 LCS - Laboratory Control Sample: A sample matrix, free from the analytes of interest, spiked with verified known amounts of analytes or a material containing known and verified amounts of analytes.  
 LCSD - Laboratory Control Sample Duplicate: Refer to LCS.  
 MS - Matrix Spike Sample: A sample prepared by adding a known mass of target analyte to a specified amount of matrix sample for which an independent estimate of target analyte concentration is available.  
 MSD - Matrix Spike Sample Duplicate: Refer to MS.  
 NA - Not Applicable.  
 NI - Not Ignitable.  
 NC - Not Calculated: Term is utilized when one or more of the results utilized in the calculation are non-detect at the parameter's reporting unit.  
 ND - Not detected at the reported detection limit for the sample.  
 RDL - Reported Detection Limit: The value at which an instrument can accurately measure an analyte at a specific concentration. The RDL includes any adjustments from dilutions, concentrations or moisture content, where applicable.  
 RPD - Relative Percent Difference: The results from matrix and/or matrix spike duplicates are primarily designed to assess the precision of analytical results in a given matrix and are expressed as relative percent difference (RPD). Values which are less than five times the reporting limit for any individual parameter are evaluated by utilizing the absolute difference between the values; although the RPD value will be provided in the report.

### **Terms**

Analytical Method: Both the document from which the method originates and the analytical reference method. (Example: EPA 8260B is shown as 1,8260B.) The codes for the reference method documents are provided in the References section of the Addendum.

### **Data Qualifiers**

The following data qualifiers have been identified for use under the CT DEP Reasonable Confidence Protocols.

- A - Spectra identified as "Aldol Condensation Product".  
 B - The analyte was detected above the reporting limit in the associated method blank. Flag only applies to associated field samples that have detectable concentrations of the analyte.  
 E - Concentration of analyte exceeds the range of the calibration curve and/or linear range of the instrument.  
 J - Estimated value. The analyte was tentatively identified; the quantitation is an estimation. (Tentatively identified compounds only.)

### **Standard Qualifiers**

- H - The analysis of pH was performed beyond the regulatory-required holding time of 15 minutes from the time of sample collection.

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## REFERENCES

- 48 Compendium of Methods for the Determination of Toxic Organic Compounds in Ambient Air. Second Edition. EPA/625/R-96/010b, January 1999.

## LIMITATION OF LIABILITIES

Alpha Woods Hole Labs performs services with reasonable care and diligence normal to the analytical testing laboratory industry. In the event of an error, the sole and exclusive responsibility of Alpha Woods Hole Labs shall be to re-perform the work at it's own expense. In no event shall Alpha Woods Hole Labs be held liable for any incidental, consequential or special damages, including but not limited to, damages in any way connected with the use of, interpretation of, information or analysis provided by Alpha Woods Hole Labs.

We strongly urge our clients to comply with EPA protocol regarding sample volume, preservation, cooling, containers, sampling procedures, holding time and splitting of samples in the field.





### Air Canister Tracking

Select Status:     Enter Bottle Order #:     Print Labels:     Cert. / Batch #:

Aircan Id	Container Type	Container Status	Bottle Order	Sample Num	Shipping Date	Calibration Date	Cert. / Batch #	Pres. Out	Pres. In	Flow Out	Flow In	RSD	Certified Products	Transfer Date
217	2.7L Summ	RECEIVED	39813	L0801231-03	25-JAN-2008			30.0	2.0					28-JAN-2008 16
629	6.0L Summ	RECEIVED	39813	L0801231-01	25-JAN-2008		L071917E	30.0	1.0					28-JAN-2008 16
896	6.0L Summ	RECEIVED	39813	L0801231-02	25-JAN-2008		L0800107	30.0	3.3					28-JAN-2008 16
0340	<1hr Reg S	RECEIVED	39813	L0801231-03	25-JAN-2008	25-JAN-2008				77	81	5		28-JAN-2008 16
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**Attachment**

**Alpha Woods Hole Lab – Sample Review Letter  
25 January 2008**





January 25, 2008

Peter Grivers  
EA Engineering, Science and Technology  
2350 Post Road  
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**RE: Review Sample Submission L0800291 for Tetrachloroethene Contamination**

Peter;

Per your email request on January 22, 2008, Alpha Analytical, Inc. has investigated the detection of tetrachloroethene on the January sample submission from the Gorham School in Providence, RI. The levels reported were inconsistent from the previous rounds of data collected from March 2007 to December 2007, and were generally a factor of 10 greater than previous levels. Also, the data from ambient, indoor air, and soil vapor samples were not indicative of a vapor intrusion issue; typically elevated levels would be in the soil vapor in comparison to indoor air. The combination of these two inconsistencies prompted Alpha to conduct a further review into the possibility of cross contamination of the Gorham School samples.

It was discovered during the review that a sample from another client and site (Alpha Lab ID L0800206) had significant levels of tetrachloroethene present ( $239,000 \text{ ug/m}^3$ ). The sample was received by Alpha on January 7, 2008, one day prior to the January samples for the Gorham School. It is likely that the elevated levels in the L0800206 sample caused the tubing and gauge used to conduct the initial pressure check of canisters to be contaminated beyond that which our standard decontamination procedures could prevent.

Alpha has recommended re-collecting samples to confirm that this may indeed be an issue of cross-contamination, and will expedite the analyses of the re-sampling event. We are also re-examining our procedures and availability of additional analytical equipment to prevent this cross contamination from reoccurring.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andy Rezendes", is written in a cursive style.

Andy Rezendes  
Product Line Manager-Air Testing