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## **INDOOR AIR QUALITY SURVEY**

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#### 1.0 INTRODUCTION

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This IAQ survey includes New Wave's investigation of various classrooms and offices within the buildings via visual inspections for cleanliness and any current water intrusion stains. Our testing protocol includes real-time measurements of: temperature, humidity, carbon dioxide, and carbon monoxide, all industry standards for *Indoor Air Quality* surveys.

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#### Mold/Fungi

Mold/fungal growth is most likely found in areas that have sufficient moisture along with: temperature, and nutritive sources to promote proliferation. Nutritive sources within buildings include: drywall paper backing, cellulose ceiling tiles, wallpaper, wood wall framing and trim, pipe insulation/wrappings and similar materials.

#### **VENTATIONAL SYSTEMS**

The main purposes of a Heating, Ventilation and Air-Conditioning (*HVAC*) system is to help maintain good indoor air quality through adequate ventilation with filtration and provide thermal comfort. HVAC systems are among the largest energy consumers in schools. The choice and design of the HVAC system can also affect many other high-performance goals, including water consumption (water-cooled air-conditioning equipment) and acoustics. The Denville Township School District utilizes two (2) different HVAC systems: Uninvent (in conjunction with window air conditioner units) and exterior roof top or side units HVAC Systems.

#### A. Unit Ventilator (Univent)

Many schools use unit ventilator (uninvent) systems. A uninvent is designed to draw air from outdoors through a fresh air intake located on the exterior wall of the building. Return air is drawn through an air intake located at the base of each unit where fresh and return air are mixed, filtered, heated (and sometimes cooled) and provided to classrooms through an air diffuser located on the top of the unit. For univents to provide fresh air as designed, they must remain free of obstructions such as furniture placed in front of them or items placed on top. Importantly, these units must remain on and be allowed to operate while rooms are occupied.

#### B. Air Handling Systems

Fresh air for most offices, common areas in schools, and other locations is provided by air handling units (AHUs). These may be located in mechanical rooms, on the roof, on the side of a building or in the basement. Outside air is drawn into AHUs from vents open to the exterior, filtered, heated/cooled and ducted to supply diffusers, typically wall or ceiling-mounted, but occasionally installed in floors.

Return air is typically drawn back into ceiling/wall/floor vents and is returned to the AHU via a plenum system or ductwork.

#### C. Filters

Univents and air handling unit (AHUs) systems are equipped with filters to remove particulate matter from both outside and the classroom's recirculated air. Filters should be changed regularly, typically 2 to 4 times a year, and should fit properly into the units without any gaps. All filters should be of an appropriate dust spot efficiency. The dust spot efficiency is the ability of a filter to remove particulate matter of a certain diameter from the air passing through the filter. Filters that have been determined by ASHRAE to meet its standard for a dust spot efficiency of a minimum of 40 percent are sufficient to reduce many airborne particulates (Thornburg, 2000; MEHRC, 1997; ASHRAE, 1992). In univents, a disposable filter in a cardboard backing/frame is recommended rather than cut-to-fit filter material which is more time consuming to install and often does not fit properly. In AHUs, pleated filters with a Minimum Efficiency Reporting Value (MERV) dust-spot efficiency of 9 is normally to be recommended as this type of filter will remove common air particles such as pollen. In some situations: such as an area with high outdoor diesel pollution, installation of a filter with a MERV rating of 11 or higher in fresh air intakes of the HVAC system may be necessary. ASHRAE currently recommends using a minimum MERV 13 filter, which is at least 85% efficient at capturing particles in the 1 µm to 3 µm size range. A MERV 14 filter is approximately 90% efficient at capturing those same particles. Filters with MERV ratings higher than 14 would capture an even higher percentage of the particles of concern. High-efficiency particulate air (HEPA) filters are even more efficient at filtering human-generated infectious aerosols. By definition, a HEPA filter must be at least 99.97% efficient at capturing particles 0.3 μm in size. This 0.3 μm particle approximates the most penetrating particle size (MPPS) through the filter. HEPA filters are even more efficient at capturing particles larger AND smaller than the MPPS. Thus, HEPA filters are more that 99.97% efficient at capturing airborne viral particles associated with SARS-CoV-2. Increasing filtration, however, can reduce airflow (called pressure drop), which can subsequently reduce the efficiency of the unit due to increased resistance. Prior to any increase of filtration, each unit should be evaluated by the district's ventilation engineer to ascertain whether the unit(s) can maintain adequate function with higher MERV efficient filters.

#### 4.0 INDOOR AIR QUALITY SURVEY RESULTS

Direct reading measurements were taken at the identified locations within with <u>Denville Lakeview Elementary School</u> building included in the table below.

Location	Temp.	Rel.	CO <sub>2</sub>	СО	HVAC TYPE
	(°F)	Humidity (%)	(ppm)	(ppm)	
Lakeview School					
Main Office	78.0°	55%	660	0	Roof top/central air
GYM	79.5.°	51% ·	560	0	Rooftop/ central air
A02	77.0°	55%	545	0	.Uninvent/ window unit
A07	76,0°	55%	574	0	Uninvent/window unit
Hallway	78.5°	57%	575	0	No unit
C05	75,8°	54%	600	0	Uninvent/window unit
C08	76.5°	53%	625	0	Uninvent/window unit
B03	75.0°	52%	630	0	Uninvent/window unit
B07	78.0°	55%	610	0	Uninvent/window unit
A12	77.2°	57%	580	0	Uninvent/window Unit
A09	75.5	49%	612	0	Uninvent/window unit
OUTSIDE	84.0°	60%	505	0	.N/A

#### 4.1 VISUAL OBSERVATIONS

All classrooms were non-occupied during our inspection. The classrooms did have their ventilation systems in operation. The classrooms were cleaned and disinfected by school staff prior to the inspection. No mold growth was observed at the time of the survey. The temperature readings, relative humidity, carbon dioxide and carbon monoxide in the various classrooms were within the ASHRAE standards.

#### 4.2 SAMPLING RESULTS

Sampling results indicate acceptable indoor air quality conditions. Locations within the school facilities <u>were within</u> the ASHRAE IAQ recommended guidelines for <u>temperature</u> (68° to 79°), and the Relative Humidity (RH) <u>was within</u> the recommendation of 30-60% RH. The Carbon Dioxide levels in the various classrooms <u>were below</u> the <u>PEOSH IAQ</u> and <u>ASHRAE</u> Standards' allowable maximum CO<sub>2</sub> threshold of 1,000 parts per million (PPM) for office/school environments. The Carbon Monoxide levels were consistently within normal and acceptable levels.

We believe that the rooms tested throughout the <u>Lakeview Elementary School</u> were and are consistently within well-established and acceptable IAQ standards at this time.

#### 5.0 CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

#### 5.1 CONCLUSION

Visual observation of the <u>Lakeview School</u> in areas that were the subject of the IAQ survey did not indicate the presence of fungal growth on environmental surfaces. Direct reading air measurements for CO<sub>2</sub> fall within NJ PEOSH acceptable limits. No detectable concentrations of CO were detected in the school facility during the time of the survey. Indoor temperatures were within the recommended comfort ranges. Relative humidity was within the recommendation's guidelines. The ventilation system was in operation and functioning properly. A secondary sampling of the indoor air quality should be performed when the ventilation system and heating system is turned on after October 15, 2020.

#### 5.2 RECOMMENDATIONS

New Wave Engineering recommends the following to ensure proper indoor air quality.

- Continue replacing and upgrading HVAC filters according to the manufacturer's and ASHRAE's recommendations and the District's IAQ plan.
- All vents and registers should be routinely inspected and cleaned/disinfected to prevent dust and dirt accumulation.
- Continual cleaning and disinfecting of surface areas should continue on a daily basis.
- Continual inspection of the ventilation system to ensure the air quality and the air flow are adequate and avoid obstructing the flow of air.
- Clean all water stains with a biocide solution and when dry seal with a mold retardant primer and paint.

The results presented represent the conditions and concentrations present at the time of the survey.

#### 6.0 LIMITATIONS

New Wave Engineering provided these services consistent with the level and skill ordinarily exercised by members of our profession currently practicing under similar conditions. Rooms tested were randomly selected by District personnel. This statement is in lieu of other statements either expressed or implied. This report is intended for the sole use of the Denville Township School District. Additionally, the passage of time may result in a change of the environmental characteristics at the <a href="Lakeview Elementary School">Lakeview Elementary School</a>. This report does not warrant against future operations or conditions that could affect the current recommendations made. The results, findings, conclusions, and recommendations expressed in this report are based upon conditions that were observed during New Wave's survey.

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#### 4.0 INDOOR AIR QUALITY SURVEY RESULTS

Direct reading measurements were taken at the identified locations within with <u>Denville</u> Riverview Elementary School building included in the table below.

Location	Temp.	Rel. Humidity (%)	CO <sub>2</sub> (ppm)	CO (ppm)	HVAC TYPE
Riverview School					
Main Office	76.5°	59%	645	0	Roof top/central air
Nurse's Office	76.8°	57%	625	0	Univent/window unit
Café/GYM	78.0°	60%	545	0	Roof Top/Central Air
Room 7	77,0°	57%	610	0	Univent/window unit
Hallway	78.5°	57%	590	0	No unit
Room 5	77,7°	52%	629	0	Univent/window unit
Room 10	78.9°	55%	590	0	Univent/window unit
Room 11	76.3°	52%	600	0	Univent/window unit
Library	74.9°	55%	570	0	Roof Unit/ Central Air
Room 31	77.9°	57%	580	0	Univent/window Unit
OUTSIDE	82.5°	58%	499	0	N/A

#### 4.1 VISUAL OBSERVATIONS

All classrooms were non-occupied during our inspection. The classrooms did have their ventilation systems in operation. The classrooms were cleaned and disinfected by school staff prior to the inspection. No mold growth was observed at the time of the survey. The temperature readings, relative humidity, carbon dioxide and carbon monoxide in the various classrooms were within the ASHRAE standards.

#### 4.2 SAMPLING RESULTS

Sampling results indicate acceptable indoor air quality conditions. Locations within the school facilities <u>were within</u> the ASHRAE IAQ recommended guidelines for <u>temperature</u> (68° to 79°), while the Relative Humidity (RH) <u>was within</u> the recommendation of 30-60% RH. The Carbon Dioxide levels in the various classrooms <u>were below</u> the PEOSH IAQ and ASHRAE Standards' allowable maximum CO<sub>2</sub> threshold of 1,000 parts per million (PPM) for office/school environments. While the Carbon Monoxide levels were consistently within normal and acceptable levels.

We believe that the rooms tested throughout the <u>Riverview Elementary School</u> were consistently within well-established and acceptable IAQ standards at this time.

#### 5.0 CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

#### 5.1 CONCLUSION

Visual observation of the Riverview School in areas that were the subject of the IAQ survey did not indicate the presence of fungal growth on environmental surfaces. Direct reading air measurements for CO<sub>2</sub> fall within NJ PEOSH acceptable limits. No detectable concentrations of CO were detected in the school facility during the time of the survey. Indoor temperatures were within the recommended comfort ranges. Relative humidity was within the recommendation's guidelines. The ventilation system was in operation and functioning properly. A secondary sampling of the indoor air quality should be performed when the ventilation system and heating system is turned on after October 15, 2020.

#### 5.2 RECOMMENDATIONS

New Wave Engineering recommends the following to ensure proper indoor air quality.

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#### 6.0 LIMITATIONS

New Wave Engineering provided these services consistent with the level and skill ordinarily exercised by members of our profession currently practicing under similar conditions. Rooms tested were randomly selected by District personnel. This statement is in lieu of other statements either expressed or implied. This report is intended for the sole use of the Denville Township School District. Additionally, the passage of time may result in a change of the environmental characteristics at the *Riverview Elementary School*. This report does not warrant against future operations or conditions that could affect the current recommendations made. The results, findings, conclusions, and recommendations expressed in this report are based upon conditions that were observed during New Wave's survey.

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#### 1.0 INTRODUCTION

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This IAQ survey includes New Wave's investigation of various classrooms and offices within the buildings via visual inspections for cleanliness and any current water intrusion stains. Our testing protocol includes real-time measurements of: temperature, humidity, carbon dioxide, and carbon monoxide, all industry standards for *Indoor Air Quality* surveys.

#### 1.1 PROJECT OBJECTIVE

The objective of this survey is to ascertain the overall Indoor Air Quality in the various classrooms within the <u>Denville Elementary and Middle School</u> buildings and suggest/recommend proposals based upon overall survey findings and personal observations.

#### 2.0 PROJECT METHODOLOGY

#### 2.1 EQUIPMENT

A Q-Trak<sup>™</sup> Plus Indoor Air Quality (IAQ) monitor, Model 7575-X, Serial Number 7575X1933002, was utilized to measure several IAQ parameters, including: carbon monoxide (CO), carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>), relative humidity (RH), and temperature (\*F). Equipment was calibrated by the equipment provider.

#### 2.2 SIMPLE RANDOM SAMPLING OF ROOMS

Simple random sampling is a basic type of sampling, since it can be a component of other more complex sampling methods. The principle of simple random sampling is that every classroom/area has the same probability of being chosen. This process and technique sampling is an unbiased surveying technique. Sampling was performed to include the different types of HVAC/ventilation systems utilized in the Denville Public School District.

#### 3.0 INDOOR AIR QUALITY STANDARDS

Recommended levels established for office/school settings differ from regulatory levels set for industrial or manufacturing environments. Recommended IAQ contaminant levels for office/school areas are generally lower because they are based upon the individual susceptibility of building occupants and comfort, in addition to health. Some guidelines cited in this document refer to standards promulgated by the *American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-conditioning Engineers Inc.* (ASHRAE). New Wave is a member of ASHRAE. These standards are found in the ASHRAE documents: Ventilation for Acceptable Indoor Air Quality (ASHRAE 62-2001) and Thermal Environmental Conditions for Human Occupancy (ASHRAE 55-2004).

#### 3.1 INDOOR AIR QUALITY STANDARDS -

#### New Jersey Department of Labor (NJDOL)

The NJDOL has established IAQ regulations through the Public Employees Occupational Safety and Health (PEOSH) Act to protect public employees across the state and improve workplace environments.

#### **American Industrial Hygiene Association (AIHA)**

The AIHA has published "The IAQ Investigator's Guide" which references guidelines for volatile organic compounds (VOCs), relative humidity, formaldehyde, and various other materials that may contribute to indoor air quality concerns.

#### <u>United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA)</u>

The USEPA has published the "<u>Mold Remediation in Schools and Commercial</u> <u>Buildings</u>" document that provides guidelines for the remediation and cleanup of mold and moisture IAQ problems.

# <u>American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning</u> <u>Engineers (ASHRAE)</u>

ASHRAE Standards 62.1 and 62.2 are the recognized standards for ventilation systems' design and acceptable *indoor air quality* (IAQ). Expanded and revised for 2019, both standards specify minimum ventilation rates and other measures in order to minimize adverse health effects for occupants. Standard 90.1 has been a benchmark for commercial building energy codes in the United States and a key basis for codes and standards around the world for more than 35 years. This standard provides the minimum requirements for energy-efficient design of most buildings. It offers, in detail, the minimum energy efficiency requirements for design and construction of new buildings and their systems, new portions of buildings and their systems, and new systems and equipment in existing buildings, as well as criteria for determining compliance with these requirements. It is an indispensable reference for engineers and other professionals involved in the design of buildings and the buildings' systems.

#### 3.2 PEOSH INDOOR AIR QUALITY STANDARDS

#### **Temperature**

The PEOSH IAQ and ASHRAE Standards requires a temperature range of 68°F to 79°F for office/school environments. The employer must verify that the heating, ventilation, and air-conditioning (HVAC) system is in proper operating order should temperatures fall outside this range. If the system is not found to be in proper operating order, the employer must take the necessary steps to remedy the situation as described by the *Standard*.

#### Relative Humidity

The PEOSH IAQ Standard does not establish an acceptable range for indoor relative humidity; however, it does refer to the AIHA recommended relative humidity range of 30% to 60%.

ASHRAE Standard 6.2-2001 states that high humidity can support the growth of pathogenic or allergenic organisms. Examples include: certain fungi, associated mycotoxins, and dust mites. Relative humidity in habitable spaces should preferably be maintained between 30 percent and 60 percent relative humidity to minimize growth of allergenic and pathogenic organisms. In 2016, ASHRAE released an update to their standards. The update states the following:

ASHRAE Standard 62.1-2016 recommends that "relative humidity in occupied spaces be controlled to less than 65% to reduce the likelihood of conditions that can lead to microbial growth."

The industry standard concurs with the *ASHRAE* guideline that indoor temperatures in the winter be maintained between 68 degrees and 74 degrees, with a relative humidity level between 30 percent and 60/65 percent. Temperatures in the summer should be maintained between 73 degrees and 79 degrees, with a relative humidity level between 30 percent and 60/65 percent. These ranges should be acceptable for sedentary or slightly active persons.

#### **Carbon Dioxide**

Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) monitoring is a useful screening technique for determining if outside air supply is sufficient for maintaining acceptable indoor air quality. CO<sub>2</sub> is a naturally occurring constituent of the atmosphere and is also a product of human respiration. During periods of occupancy, CO<sub>2</sub> levels in a building will rise above the normal background level.

The PEOSH IAQ and ASHRAE Standards allow a maximum CO2 threshold of 1,000 parts per million (PPM) for office/school environments. The employer must verify that the HVAC system is in proper operating order should CO2 concentrations exceed this threshold. If the system is not found to be in proper operating order, the employer must take the necessary steps to remedy the situation as described by the standard. Properly ventilated buildings should have carbon dioxide levels between 600ppm and 1,000 ppm, with a floor or building average of 800 ppm or less. If average carbon dioxide levels within a building are maintained at less than 800 ppm, with appropriate temperature and humidity levels, complaints about indoor air quality should be minimized. If carbon dioxide levels are greater than 1,000 ppm, complaints may occur. Therefore, 1,000 ppm should be used as a guideline for improving ventilation. If a building exceeds this guideline, it should **NOT** be interpreted as a hazardous or lifethreatening situation. An elevated carbon dioxide level is only an indication of an inadequate amount of outside air/oxygen being brought into a building. The levels cited in this document should only be used as a guideline to determine the amount of fresh outside air entering the building.

In building areas where there are potential sources of carbon dioxide other than exhaled breath, the guidelines above cannot be used. Other sources of *CO2* can include exhaust gas from kilns, internal combustion engines, dry ice, etc. Under these conditions, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) standard for carbon dioxide should be used. The OSHA standard is an eight-hour time-weighted average (TWA) of 5,000 ppm with a short-term 15-minute average limit of 30,000 ppm

#### CO Levels and Guidelines {carbon monoxide}

PPM Symptoms and applicable standard

1 1 141	Symptoms and applicable standard
0-1	Normal Background levels
9	Maximum indoor air quality level: Maximum allowable concentration per ASHRAE Residential Standards 62-1989 for living area.
25	Maximum limit 8 hours of continuous exposure per California OSHA workplace standards
35	Maximum 8 hours average exposure level per US OSHA workplace standards
50	Maximum concentration for continuous exposure in any 8-hour average level per OSHA standards
100	Remove employees from enclosed space if the CO concentration exceeds 100ppm per OSHA exposure limit.
200	Mild headache, fatigue, nausea and dizziness within 2-3 hours
400	Frontal headache, life threatening after 3 hours. Maximum concentration in fuel gas per the US EPA and AGA standards
800	Dizziness, nausea, convulsions, death within 2-3 hours
1600	Nausea within 20 minutes. Death within 2-3 hours.
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#### Carbon Monoxide

Carbon monoxide (CO) usually originates from outside the building from such sources as automotive traffic and loading docks. Internal sources could include cigarette smoke, petroleum-fired boilers, and petroleum-fired furnaces. Assuming internal sources are limited, monitoring for CO is a useful measure for determining if outside air intakes are being impacted by external sources/controls. The *PEOSH IAQ* and *ASHRAE Standards* states that when general ventilation cannot control indoor air contaminants below the Permissible Exposure Limit (PEL), the employer must implement other control measures. The United States Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) sets enforceable PELs to protect workers against the health effects of exposure to hazardous substances. PELs are regulatory limits on the amount or concentration of a substance in the air. The current PEL for CO is 50 PPM for an eight-hour time weighted average (TWA).

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### **4.0 INDOOR AIR QUALITY SURVEY RESULTS**

Direct reading measurements were taken at the identified locations within with <u>Denville Riverview Annex Elementary School</u> building included in the table below.

Location	Temp.	•	CO <sub>2</sub>	СО	HVAC TYPE
	(°F)	(%)	(ppm)	(ppm)	
Riverview Annex School					
Nurse's Office	77.0°	60%	600	0	Roof top/central air/window open
Room 14	75.5.°	70%	628	0	Windows open
Room 13	76.0°	65%	610	0	Windows Closed/ceiling fans on
Room 12	77,0°	59%	618	0	Windows Closed/ceiling fans on
Room 11	77.5°	62%	590	0	Windows open/ceiling fans on
Room 10	78.0°	57%	620	0	Windows Closed/ceiling fans on
Room 09	76.9°	43%	605	0	Window air conditioner on/ceiling
					fans on
Room 08	77.0°	52%	645	0	Windows Closed/ceiling fans on
Room 07	77.6°	51%	649	0	Window Closed/ceiling Fans on
Room 06	73.2°	44%	600	0	Mitsubishi Wall Unit on
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Room 02	76.1°	56%	625	0-	Windows Closed/ceiling fans on
OUTSIDE	74.0°	82%	489	0	N/A

### 4.1 VISUAL OBSERVATIONS

Classrooms were non-occupied during our inspection. The classrooms did have their ventilation systems in operation. The classrooms were cleaned and disinfected by school staff prior to the inspection. No mold growth was observed at the time of the survey. The temperature readings, relative humidity, carbon dioxide and carbon monoxide in the various classrooms were within the ASHRAE standards.

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### 1.1 PROJECT OBJECTIVE

The objective of this survey is to ascertain the overall Indoor Air Quality in the various classrooms within the *Denville Elementary and Middle School* buildings and suggest/recommend proposals based upon overall survey findings and personal observations.

### 2.0 PROJECT METHODOLOGY

### 2.1 EQUIPMENT

A Q-Trak™ Plus Indoor Air Quality (IAQ) monitor, Model 7575-X, Serial Number 7575X1933002, was utilized to measure several IAQ parameters, including: carbon monoxide (CO), carbon dioxide (CO₂), relative humidity (RH), and temperature (°F). Equipment was calibrated by the equipment provider.

### 2.2 SIMPLE RANDOM SAMPLING OF ROOMS

Simple random sampling is a basic type of sampling, since it can be a component of other more complex sampling methods. The principle of simple random sampling is that every classroom/area has the same probability of being chosen. This process and technique sampling is an unbiased surveying technique. Sampling was performed to include the different types of HVAC/ventilation systems utilized in the Denville Public School District.

### 3.0 INDOOR AIR QUALITY STANDARDS

Recommended levels established for office/school settings differ from regulatory levels set for industrial or manufacturing environments. Recommended IAQ contaminant levels for office/school areas are generally lower because they are based upon the individual susceptibility of building occupants and comfort, in addition to health. Some guidelines cited in this document refer to standards promulgated by the *American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-conditioning Engineers Inc.* (ASHRAE). New Wave is a member of ASHRAE. These standards are found in the ASHRAE documents: Ventilation for Acceptable Indoor Air Quality (ASHRAE 62-2001) and Thermal Environmental Conditions for Human Occupancy (ASHRAE 55-2001)

### 3.1 INDOOR AIR QUALITY STANDARDS -

### New Jersey Department of Labor (NJDOL)

The NJDOL has established IAQ regulations through the Public Employees Occupational Safety and Health (PEOSH) Act to protect public employees across the state and improve workplace environments.

### American Industrial Hygiene Association (AIHA)

The AIHA has published "<u>The IAQ Investigator's Guide</u>" which references guidelines for volatile organic compounds (VOCs), relative humidity, formaldehyde, and various other materials that may contribute to indoor air quality concerns.

### **United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA)**

The USEPA has published the "<u>Mold Remediation in Schools and Commercial</u> <u>Buildings</u>" document that provides guidelines for the remediation and cleanup of mold and moisture IAQ problems.

### <u>American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE)</u>

ASHRAE Standards 62.1 and 62.2 are the recognized standards for ventilation systems' design and acceptable *indoor air quality* (IAQ). Expanded and revised for 2019, both standards specify minimum ventilation rates and other measures in order to minimize adverse health effects for occupants. Standard 90.1 has been a benchmark for commercial building energy codes in the United States and a key basis for codes and standards around the world for more than 35 years. This standard provides the minimum requirements for energy-efficient design of most buildings. It offers, in detail, the minimum energy efficiency requirements for design and construction of new buildings and their systems, new portions of buildings and their systems, and new systems and equipment in existing buildings, as well as criteria for determining compliance with these requirements. It is an indispensable reference for engineers and other professionals involved in the design of buildings and the buildings' systems.

### 3.2 PEOSH INDOOR AIR QUALITY STANDARDS

### **Temperature**

The PEOSH IAQ and ASHRAE Standards requires a temperature range of 68°F to 79°F for office/school environments. The employer must verify that the heating, ventilation, and air-conditioning (HVAC) system is in proper operating order should temperatures fall outside this range. If the system is not found to be in proper operating order, the employer must take the necessary steps to remedy the situation as described by the Standard.

### **Relative Humidity**

The PEOSH IAQ Standard does not establish an acceptable range for indoor relative humidity; however, it does refer to the AIHA recommended relative humidity range of 30% to 60%.

ASHRAE Standard 6.2-2001 states that high humidity can support the growth of pathogenic or allergenic organisms. Examples include: certain fungi, associated mycotoxins, and dust mites. Relative humidity in habitable spaces should preferably be maintained between 30 percent and 60 percent relative humidity to minimize growth of allergenic and pathogenic organisms. In 2016, ASHRAE released an update to their standards. The update states the following:

ASHRAE Standard 62.1-2016 recommends that "relative humidity in occupied spaces be controlled to less than 65% to reduce the likelihood of conditions that can lead to microbial growth."

The industry standard concurs with the *ASHRAE* guideline that indoor temperatures in the winter be maintained between 68 degrees and 74 degrees, with a relative humidity level between 30 percent and 60/65 percent. Temperatures in the summer should be maintained between 73 degrees and 79 degrees, with a relative humidity level between 30 percent and 60/65 percent. These ranges should be acceptable for sedentary or slightly active persons.

### **Carbon Dioxide**

Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) monitoring is a useful screening technique for determining if outside air supply is sufficient for maintaining acceptable indoor air quality. CO<sub>2</sub> is a naturally occurring constituent of the atmosphere and is also a product of human respiration. During periods of occupancy, CO<sub>2</sub> levels in a building will rise above the normal background level.

The PEOSH IAQ and ASHRAE Standards allow a maximum CO<sub>2</sub> threshold of 1,000 parts per million (PPM) for office/school environments. The employer must verify that the HVAC system is in proper operating order should CO2 concentrations exceed this threshold. If the system is not found to be in proper operating order, the employer must take the necessary steps to remedy the situation as described by the standard. Properly ventilated buildings should have carbon dioxide levels between 600ppm and 1,000 ppm, with a floor or building average of 800 ppm or less. If average carbon dioxide levels within a building are maintained at less than 800 ppm, with appropriate temperature and humidity levels, complaints about indoor air quality should be minimized. If carbon dioxide levels are greater than 1,000 ppm, complaints may occur. Therefore, 1,000 ppm should be used as a guideline for improving ventilation. If a building exceeds this guideline, it should NOT be interpreted as a hazardous or lifethreatening situation. An elevated carbon dioxide level is only an indication of an inadequate amount of outside air/oxygen being brought into a building. The levels cited in this document should only be used as a guideline to determine the amount of fresh outside air entering the building.

In building areas where there are potential sources of carbon dioxide other than exhaled breath, the guidelines above cannot be used. Other sources of *CO2* can include exhaust gas from kilns, internal combustion engines, dry ice, etc. Under these conditions, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) standard for carbon dioxide should be used. The OSHA standard is an eight-hour time-weighted average (TWA) of 5,000 ppm with a short-term 15-minute average limit of 30,000 ppm

### **CO Levels and Guidelines {carbon monoxide}**

PPM Symptoms and applicable standard

L L IAI	Symptoms and applicable standard
0-1	Normal Background levels
9	Maximum indoor air quality level: Maximum allowable concentration per ASHRAE Residential Standards 62-1989 for living area.
25	Maximum limit 8 hours of continuous exposure per California OSHA workplace standards
35	Maximum 8 hours average exposure level per US OSHA workplace standards
50	Maximum concentration for continuous exposure in any 8-hour average level per OSHA standards
100	Remove employees from enclosed space if the CO concentration exceeds 100ppm per OSHA exposure limit.
200	Mild headache, fatigue, nausea and dizziness within 2-3 hours
400	Frontal headache, life threatening after 3 hours. Maximum concentration in fuel gas per the US EPA and AGA standards
800	Dizziness, nausea, convulsions, death within 2-3 hours
1600	Nausea within 20 minutes. Death within 2-3 hours.

### **Carbon Monoxide**

Carbon monoxide (CO) usually originates from outside the building from such sources as automotive traffic and loading docks. Internal sources could include cigarette smoke, petroleum-fired boilers, and petroleum-fired furnaces. Assuming internal sources are limited, monitoring for CO is a useful measure for determining if outside air intakes are being impacted by external sources/controls. The *PEOSH IAQ* and *ASHRAE Standards* states that when general ventilation cannot control indoor air contaminants below the Permissible Exposure Limit (PEL), the employer must implement other control measures. The United States Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) sets enforceable PELs to protect workers against the health effects of exposure to hazardous substances. PELs are regulatory limits on the amount or concentration of a substance in the air. The current PEL for CO is 50 PPM for an eight-hour time weighted average (TWA).

### Mold/Fungi

Mold/fungal growth is most likely found in areas that have sufficient moisture along with: temperature, and nutritive sources to promote proliferation. Nutritive sources within buildings include: drywall paper backing, cellulose ceiling tiles, wallpaper, wood wall framing and trim, pipe insulation/wrappings and similar materials.

### **VENTILATIONAL SYSTEMS**

The main purposes of Heating, Ventilation and Air-Conditioning (HVAC) systems are to help maintain good indoor air quality through adequate ventilation with filtration and to provide thermal comfort. HVAC systems are among the largest energy consumers in schools. The choice and design of the HVAC system can also affect many other high-performance goals, including water consumption (water-cooled air-conditioning equipment) and acoustics. The Denville Township School District utilizes two (2) different HVAC systems, Univents (in conjunction with window air conditioner units) and exterior roof top central air HVAC Systems.

### A. Unit Ventilator (Univent)

Many schools use unit ventilator (univent) systems. A univent is designed to draw air from outdoors through a fresh air intake located on the exterior wall of the building. Return air is drawn through an air intake located at the base of each unit where fresh and return air are mixed, filtered, heated (and sometimes cooled) and provided to classrooms through an air diffuser located on the top of the unit. For univents to provide fresh air as designed, they must remain free of obstructions such as furniture placed in front of them or items placed on top. Importantly, these units must remain on and be allowed to operate while rooms are occupied.

### B. Air Handling Systems

Fresh air for most offices, common areas in schools, and other locations is provided by air handling units (AHUs). These may be located in mechanical rooms, on the roof, on the side of a building or in the basement. Outside air is drawn into AHUs from vents open to the exterior, filtered, heated/cooled and ducted to supply diffusers, typically wall or ceiling-mounted, but occasionally installed in floors.

Return air is typically drawn back into ceiling/wall/floor vents and is returned to the AHU via a plenum system or ductwork.

### C. Filters

Univents and air handling unit (AHU) systems are equipped with filters to remove particulate matter from both the outside and the classroom's recirculated air. Filters should be changed regularly, typically 2 to 4 times a year, and should fit properly into the units without any gaps. All filters should be of an appropriate dust spot efficiency. The dust spot efficiency is the ability of a filter to remove particulate matter of a certain diameter from the air passing through the filter. Filters that have been determined by ASHRAE to meet its standard for a dust spot efficiency of a minimum of 40 percent are sufficient to reduce many airborne particulates (Thornburg, 2000; MEHRC, 1997; ASHRAE, 1992). In univents, a disposable filter in a cardboard backing/frame is recommended rather than cut-to-fit filter material which is more time consuming to install and often does not fit properly. In AHUs, pleated filters with a Minimum Efficiency Reporting Value (MERV) dust-spot efficiency of 9 is normally to be recommended as this type of filter will remove common air particles such as pollen. In some situations: such as an area with high outdoor diesel pollution, installation of a filter with a MERV rating of 11 or higher in fresh air intakes of the HVAC system may be necessary. ASHRAE currently recommends using a minimum MERV 13 filter, which is at least 85% efficient at capturing particles in the 1 µm to 3 µm size range. A MERV 14 filter is approximately 90% efficient at capturing those same particles. Filters with MERV ratings higher than 14 would capture an even higher percentage of the particles of concern. High-efficiency particulate air (HEPA) filters are even more efficient at filtering human-generated infectious aerosols. By definition, a HEPA filter must be at least 99.97% efficient at capturing particles 0.3 µm in size. This 0.3 µm particle approximates the most penetrating particle size (MPPS) through the filter. HEPA filters are even more efficient at capturing particles larger AND smaller than the MPPS. Thus, HEPA filters are more that 99.97% efficient at capturing airborne viral particles associated with SARS-CoV-2. Increasing filtration, however, can reduce airflow (called pressure drop), which can subsequently reduce the efficiency of the unit due to increased resistance. Prior to any increase of filtration, each unit should be evaluated by the district's ventilation engineer to ascertain whether the unit(s) can maintain adequate function with higher MERV efficient filters.

### 4.0 INDOOR AIR QUALITY SURVEY RESULTS

Direct reading measurements were taken at the identified locations within with <u>Denville Valleyview Middle School</u> building included in the table below.

Location	Temp.	Rel.	CO <sub>2</sub>	co	HVAC TYPE
Valleyview School	∫(°F)	Humidity (%)	(ppm)	(ppm)	
Main Office	75.5°	59%	645	0	Roof top/central air
GYM	74.8°	57%	625	0	.Univent/window unit
STEM Room	72.0°	60%	545	0	Roof Top/Central Air
Band Room	73,0°	57%	610	0	Univent/window unit
B23	74.5°	57%	590	0	No unit
B28	73.5°	52%	629	0	Univent/window unit
B12	74.8°	55%	590	0	Univent/window unit
B17	77.4°	52%	600	0	Univent/window unit
B 14	76.4°	55%	570	0	Roof Unit/ Central Air
C 3	75.9°	57%	580	0	Univent/window Unit
C-8	74.5°	59%	600	0	Univent/ window Unit
C-10	72.3°	58%	570	0	Roof top/central air
C-13	72.5°	58%	575	0	Roof top/central air
OUTSIDE	84.0°	58%	485	0	N/A

### 4.1 VISUAL OBSERVATIONS

All classrooms were non-occupied during our inspection. The classrooms did have their ventilation systems in operation. The classrooms were cleaned and disinfected by school staff prior to the inspection. No mold growth was observed at the time of the survey. The temperature readings, relative humidity, carbon dioxide and carbon monoxide in the various classrooms were within the ASHRAE standards.

### 4.2 SAMPLING RESULTS

Sampling results indicate acceptable indoor air quality conditions. Locations within the school facilities <u>were within</u> the ASHRAE IAQ recommended guidelines for temperature (68° to 79°), while the Relative Humidity (RH) <u>was within</u> the recommendation of 30-60% RH. The Carbon Dioxide levels in the various classrooms <u>were below</u> the PEOSH IAQ and ASHRAE Standards' allowable maximum CO<sub>2</sub> threshold of 1,000 parts per million (PPM) for office/school environments. While the Carbon Monoxide levels were consistently within normal and acceptable levels.

We believe that the rooms tested throughout the <u>Valleyview Middle School</u> were consistently within well-established and acceptable IAQ standards at this time.

### 5.0 CONCLUSIONS and RECOMMENDATIONS

### 5.1 CONCLUSION

Visual observation of the <u>Valleyview School</u> in areas that were the subject of the IAQ survey did not indicate the presence of fungal growth on environmental surfaces. Direct reading air measurements for CO<sub>2</sub> fall within NJ PEOSH acceptable limits. No detectable concentrations of CO were detected in the school facility during the time of the survey. Indoor temperatures were within the recommended comfort ranges. Relative humidity was within the recommendation's guidelines. The ventilation system was in operation and functioning properly. A secondary sampling of the indoor air quality should be performed when the ventilation system and heating system is turned on after October 15, 2020.

### **5.2 RECOMMENDATIONS**

New Wave Engineering recommends the following to ensure proper indoor air quality.

- Continue replacing and upgrading HVAC filters according to the manufacturer's and ASHRAE's recommendations and the District's IAQ plan.
- All vents and registers should be routinely inspected and cleaned/disinfected to prevent dust and dirt accumulation.
- Continual cleaning and disinfecting of surface areas should continue on a daily basis.

- Continual inspections of the ventilation system to ensure the air quality and the air flow are adequate and avoid obstructing the flow of air.
- Clean all water stains with a biocide solution and when dry, seal the area with a mold retardant primer and paint.

The results presented represent the conditions and concentrations present at the time of the survey.

### 6.0 LIMITATIONS

New Wave Engineering provided these services consistent with the level and skill ordinarily exercised by members of our profession currently practicing under similar conditions. Rooms tested were randomly selected by District personnel. This statement is in lieu of other statements either expressed or implied. This report is intended for the sole use of the Denville Township School District. Additionally, the passage of time may result in a change of the environmental characteristics at the <a href="Valleyview Middle School">Valleyview Middle School</a>. This report does not warrant against future operations or conditions that could affect the current recommendations made. The results, findings, conclusions, and recommendations expressed in this report are based upon conditions that were observed during New Wave's survey.

### 7.0 APPENDIX - CERTIFICATIONS

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### BUSINESS

### OWNER OF NEW WAVE CONSULTANTS/ENGIEERING- 2000 TO PRESENT

New Wave Environmental is a full service environmental compliance company specializing in the fields of Asbestos, Indoor Air Quality (mold/voc's), Haz-com communications, Blood Borne Pathogens training and testing.

### **Education**

### MASTER OF SCIENCE | MAY 1990 | MONTCLAIR STATE UNIVERSITY

- · Major: Masters of Science in Environmental Management/Education
- · Related coursework: Concentration on Indoor Air Quality

### BACHLORS OF SCIENCE | MAY 1984 | SETON HALL UNIVERSITY

- · Major: Education
- · Major: Political Science
- · Minor: Religion
- Related coursework: Certified to teach: Early Childhood Education, Elementary Education, History and Science (Biology)

### Skills & Abilities

### **CERTIFICATIONS**

- ACAC- NATIONALLY CERTIFIED INDOOR ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANT (CIEC)
- IAQA -INDOOR ENVIRONMENTALIST May 2015
- SCHOOL HEALTH and INDOOR ENVIRONMENTS LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT (SHIELD)- INDOOR AIR QUALITY MASTER CLASS 2015
- · STATE of FLORIDA Mold Assessor 2015-Present
- NJ-DEPT.OF HEALTH/SENIOR SERVICE PE-OSH PROGRAM- INDOOR AIR QUALITY DESIGNATED PERSONS TRAINING -2007
- NAETI-INDOOR AIR QUALITY INVESTIGATION 2004
- NAETI-INSPECTION/TESTING/ASSESSMENT of MICROBIAL CONTAMINATED BUILDINGS- 2004
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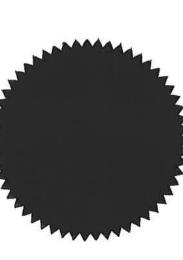
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If you have any questions or require any additional information, please contact this office at (609) 633-6224. Our address is P.O. Box 821, Tenton, NJ, 08625-0821. Thank you.

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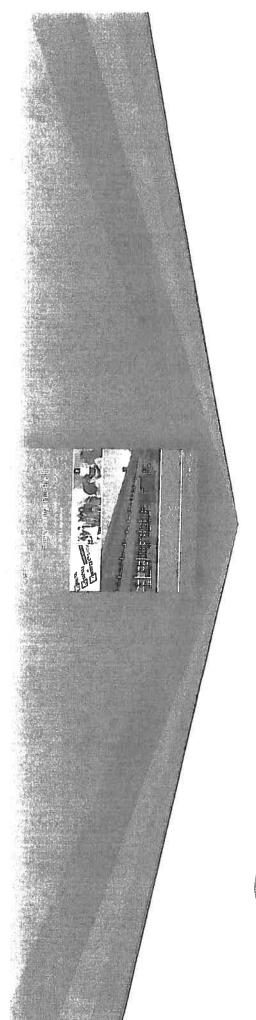
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This 1-hour training on indoor air quality (IAQ) in schools taught participants how to-

- of properly integrating them for optimal occupant health and building performance during a renovation project. Explain the critical connection between IAQ, energy efficiency and preventive maintenance, and the importance
  - custom verification checklist for both building upgrades and concurrent IAQ assessment protocols for each step Use resources to help with energy efficiency and preventive maintenance efforts, including the Energy Savings Plus Health guide and the accompanying Interactive Air Quality Planner for Schools that helps users create a of the upgrade process.
- Use a case study from a school district on getting started using these resources to create healthy indoor learning
- Start or improve a preventive maintenance program to include IAQ and energy efficiency components as part of a comprehensive building management approach.

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